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The Rt Hon Sarah Champion, MP
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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your letter on the seventh replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund).

As you highlighted, the Global Fund's achievements over the last twenty years are remarkable, including saving 50 million lives and cutting the death rate of the three diseases by half. I am proud that, as third largest donor, the UK has been an important part of that success.

We remain strongly committed to the Global Fund and its mission and we have therefore been considering our pledge very carefully. The ICAI information note on the UK's work with the Global Fund has been very useful in this regard and I would like to thank you for encouraging ICAI to undertake this. I was pleased to see how positive the note was, not only about the Global Fund, but also about the UK's work with the Global Fund.

At the replenishment summit I restated the UK's continued strong support to the Global Fund and highlighted that the UK pledge will be announced in the coming weeks. We were in close communication with the Global Fund and the US on this.

We will make a Written Ministerial Statement to Parliament once it has returned and before publicly announcing our pledge. Our meeting on 17 October will be a key opportunity to discuss the UK's support to the Global Fund further.

Global health is one of the priorities of our International Development Strategy. Our commitment to the Global Fund forms part of a set of critical health investments designed to end the preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children and strengthen health security. Drawing upon the UK's scientific strengths, FCDO has been a leading funder of global health research on diseases of poverty for many years, with a focus on including HIV, malaria and TB. We are the largest donor to Gavi, the vaccine alliance, which has already saved 15 million lives and will play a central role in supporting countries to roll out the new malaria vaccines and we support a wide range of programmes on SRHR, including the UNFPA Supplies programme and the Global Financing Facility.

Thank you for commitment to this important agenda. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicky Ford', written in a cursive style.

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