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Alicia Kearns MP
House of Commons London
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Dear Alicia,

Today I am hosting Foreign Ministers at the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict International Conference. This is an important moment for the international community to come together to put an end to these heinous crimes. I am using the Conference to launch the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) Strategy, attached.

Sexual violence is a deeply inhumane and illegal tactic of warfare, shattering lives and scarring communities around the world. The PSVI Strategy outlines HMG's ambition to use our diplomacy, development and defence levers to tackle these appalling crimes.

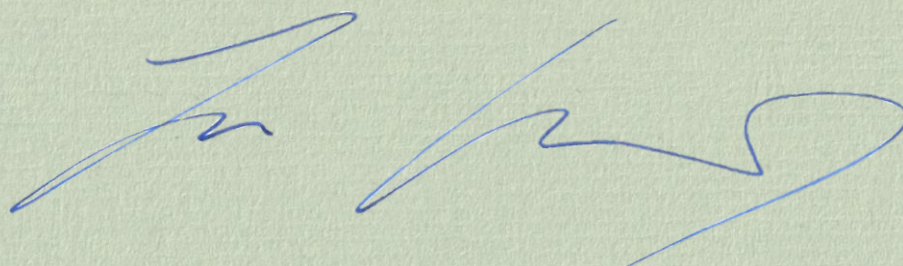
This strategy has four key objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen the global response to conflict-related sexual violence;
- **Objective 2:** Prevent conflict-related sexual violence, including by addressing the root causes such as harmful gender norms;
- **Objective 3:** Strengthen justice for all survivors of conflict-related sexual violence and hold perpetrators to account;
- **Objective 4:** Enhance support available to survivors and children born of sexual violence in conflict, including tackling the stigma they face within their communities.

Delivery of the strategy will be supported by up to £12.5 million of new funding for PSVI over the next three years. This funding will be complemented by wider investments across FCDO to tackle conflict-related sexual violence.

Together with our friends and partners, we will work to deliver a fundamental shift in the global response to these crimes. By putting survivors' needs first, and ending impunity, we can break the cycle of sexual violence in conflict.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, flowing letters that appear to read 'J. Cleverly'.

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