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Dear Joyce,

Further to my letter of 10 November, I am writing as promised to confirm the UK's future spending plans for Afghanistan.

At the donor conference on 25 November, the UK pledged up to £155m of development aid for 2021 with an indication of continued support to 2024, depending on progress towards a fully inclusive peace settlement. This money will continue to support the delivery of essential services for the Afghan people and give peace the best chance to succeed.

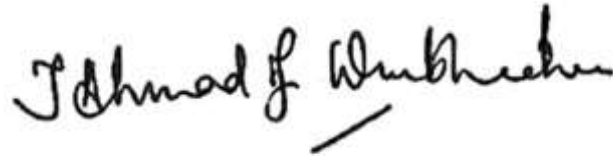
This development aid is in addition to the UK's pledge of up to £70m for 2021 to sustain the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces, made at NATO last month in line with our political commitment out to 2024.

The continuation of our development partnership beyond 2021 with the Afghan government will be based on the degree to which we can work together on shared objectives, such as poverty reduction, rule of law, protection of women and minorities rights, human rights more broadly, and democratic governance.

Following the announcement on 25 November of the Spending Review outcome, detailed spending allocations for 2021 will be subject to the upcoming resource allocation round, so at this point in time I cannot give further detail.

I hope that this, combined with the information we have previously provided to the Committee over the course of this enquiry, provides the committee with the information it needs, but please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any more that you need from us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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