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Dear Dame Diana,

I am writing to share with you the new Serious and Organised Crime Strategy, which has just been published.

Serious and organised crime is a major threat to the national security and prosperity of the United Kingdom. It costs lives, blights communities, hampers economic growth, causes financial loss to individuals, businesses and the state and corrodes the global reputation of the UK and its institutions.

Since the publication of the previous strategy in 2018, the Government has invested in strengthening the National Crime Agency and policing capabilities, built new comprehensive plans and strategies for dealing with illegal drugs, economic crime, fraud and child sexual abuse and other types of crime, and introduced new powers for law enforcement agencies to respond to the threat posed by organised criminal groups. However, it was a five year strategy and it is right that we now update our response to reflect changing threats and emerging challenges.

The success of the 2018 strategy is testament to the skill, professionalism and dedication of all those involved in the effort against serious and organised crime in this country and upstream and the continued commitment of our international partners to work with us to tackle the global challenges we face. But the threat has grown increasingly complex over the past five years. Organised criminals have learnt to become more adaptable and resilient. Our response must continue to adapt to new challenges.

The mission of the new strategy is to reduce serious and organised crime in the UK by disrupting and dismantling organised crime groups operating in and against the UK. The new strategy is available online: [Serious and organised crime strategy 2023 to 2028 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

I look forward to continuing to work with you to tackle serious and organised crime in all its forms.

Rt Hon. James Cleverly MP