

# International Development Committee

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From Sarah Champion MP, Chair

The Rt Hon Lord Cameron  
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
*By email*

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Dear Foreign Secretary,

## 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Yesterday's announcement by the Prime Minister has curtailed the International Development Committee's ability to send representatives to the SIDS conference next week. I am very disappointed about this; the Committee has done a lot of work in this area and the conference was going to be an opportunity to see the steps forward and help move the agenda.

Can you provide assurance that, despite the announcement, UK Government Ministers will still be able to give their support to the conference and push stakeholders to make progress to support the SIDS and their requirements. The International Development Committee report *The UK Small Island Developing States Strategy*<sup>[1]</sup> set out our recommendations and the Committee was hoping that the conference would have given the opportunity for the Government to take forward our recommendations. If Ministers are not able to travel to the conference, it will be very important still to make the planned announcements and follow through with the planned commitments, and I hope you have been able to revise your plans accordingly.

I realise that you will not have time to respond to this letter before Parliament prorogues today, but I felt it was important to get this reminder on the record.

Yours sincerely,



**Sarah Champion MP**  
Chair of the Committee