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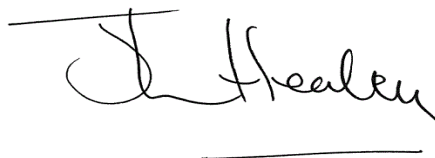
Dear Lord Goldsmith,

Thank you for your committee's work scrutinising the UK-Republic of Senegal Defence Cooperation Agreement. I value the important role your committee plays, and we have responded separately to the conclusions and recommendations in your committee's 12th Report – Scrutiny of international agreements: UK-Republic of Senegal Defence Cooperation Agreement.

I am writing in response to the letter from Lord Goldsmith to the former Defence Secretary, which asked for clarification on the scope of the Treaty. As the letter noted, Article 3 of the Treaty, and paragraphs 2.3 and 4.2 of the Explanatory Memorandum, outline the scope of the framework defined in the Treaty. I can confirm that the sale or supply of armaments is not included within the scope of the Treaty.

The UK and Senegal are close defence and security partners, and as part of our relationship we do undertake and facilitate defence sales. Defence sales activity is governed by separate processes subject to close collaboration between the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Business and Trade, and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, including assessment against the Strategic Export Licensing Criteria.

Yours sincerely,



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