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**Foreign Secretary for Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and
Secretary of State for Department for Energy Security & Net Zero**

[By email]

Subject: The UK's contribution to the Tropical Forest Forever Facility

Dear Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State,

I write to convey the Committee's concern regarding the UK Government's decision not to contribute towards the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) at this year's UN Climate Change Conference (COP30). A Member of my Committee visited COP30 and heard firsthand how disappointed the Brazilian Government was with – what looked like an eleventh-hour decision – to pull back from expected support, particularly given how instrumental the UK has been in shaping the design of the TFFF. In light of this and, considering the interest shown by the City of London, the Committee urge the UK Government to re-evaluate its position on TFFF investment.

The Amazon and other tropical forests are critical to global climate stability – as well as preserving biodiversity they play a key role in maintaining ecosystems and the Earth's carbon cycles. The TFFF is a blended finance instrument proposed by the Brazilian Government with the aim of incentivising tropical forest countries to prevent deforestation and forest degradation through performance-based payments. The Brazilian government set the initial target of \$125 billion in funding for the TFFF. However, only a handful of countries — including Indonesia, France, Germany and Norway — pledged a total of \$6.7 billion for the fund. This means that the fund has yet to reach Brazil's \$25 billion for Government investments, which are intended to secure investor confidence and unlock an extra \$100 billion in private financing. My committee member met with a number of these other countries while in Belém, who urged the UK to lead with its own contribution, because of the influencer effect this would have on other donor countries.

Moreover, successive cuts to the UK's international aid budget have also meant that addressing climate challenges has become increasingly contingent on innovative funding mechanisms. We firmly believe that the TFFF presents a significant opportunity to set an exemplar in this regard and something the UK should actively champion.



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Importantly, should the UK Government opt not to invest in the TFFF's first tranche of public funding, it risks compromising its ability to shape the loan vehicle going forward.

Contributing to the TFFF does not only align with the UK's objectives but will also support its trade relationships and global consensus on climate action, particularly at a time when you are making decisions about the resourcing of overseas posts and the DfT cuts to trade commissioners. We therefore hope that in the future the UK Government will commit an appropriate contribution to the loan vehicle, similar to that of other countries who have already invested, to protect vital tropical rainforest ecosystems.

In response to this letter, we request you address our concerns and outline the steps you are planning to make to allay our them.

We request a response to this letter by 16 January. As is standard practice, we will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Champion MP
Chair of the International Development Committee