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Dear Sarah,

Tropical Forests Forever Facility

Thank you for your letter of 18 December, regarding the UK's position on the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) and for setting out the International Development Committee's concerns so clearly. We welcome the Committee's continued engagement on this important issue. We are responding as this matter falls under our Ministerial portfolios.

The Government fully recognises the critical importance of tropical forests to tackling climate change and biodiversity loss, while supporting livelihoods in forest countries. The UK has a longstanding record of leadership on forests and continues to prioritise international action to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by 2030.

UK leadership on forests and COP30

The Prime Minister attended the COP30 World Leaders Summit in Belem, where he set out the UK's priorities, including protecting forests and nature, strengthening global ambition, and supporting countries to deliver just and rapid transition to net zero.

The UK worked closely with Brazil and other partners to accelerate the delivery of forests goals, both bilaterally and as co-chair of the Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership (FCLP), a high-ambition coalition of 36 governments. At COP30, the FCLP achieved significant outcomes, including a commitment to recognise 160 million hectares of land for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IP&LCs). It also supported the renewal of a pledge first made at COP26 to increase direct finance to Indigenous Peoples, who are stewards of around half of the world's remaining rainforests, mobilising a further \$1.8 billion. We also agreed measures to accelerate the use of responsibly produced timber in construction and actions to scale high-integrity carbon markets.

In parallel, the UK has established the Amazon Catalyst for Forest Communities (AMCAT), a regional initiative to strengthen forest governance and tenure security for Indigenous Peoples and local communities across the Amazon Basin. AMCAT also supported the participation by IPLC representatives at COP30.

The UK's role in developing and supporting TFFF

The UK views the TFFF as an important innovation in forest finance and has been proud to play a part in its development, providing catalytic technical assistance as well as diplomatic support. We have invested in the World Bank trust fund that will operationalise the Facility.

The UK did not commit public funding to the Facility at COP30 due to the proximity of the Autumn Budget. This decision reflects an issue of timing, not a lack of support for the initiative. As has been clear publicly, we have not ruled out a future investment. We will continue to work together to explore options.

As part of the portfolio of forest-focused International Climate Finance, the UK is investing in the innovative monitoring programme AIM4Forests, which will provide technical assistance to support the delivery of TFFF. We are also exploring ways to mobilise private finance, including by leveraging the strength of the City of London, to support the Facility's success.

International Climate Finance and future engagement

The UK is committed to delivering £11.6 billion in International Climate Finance between 2020/21 and 2025/26; including £3 billion for nature and of that, around £1.5bn for forests. Following the Spending Review, the Government is reviewing how the ODA budget, including ICF, will be allocated in the next spending period. Tropical forests will continue to be a focus of our international climate and nature strategy, and we will take an integrated approach that mobilises more finance for forest protection and restoration while tackling the drivers of deforestation, including poor governance and unsustainable agricultural practices.

Our approach to forests and climate finance embraces the UK's changing approach to international development, including exploring shifts from donor to investor, from service delivery to systems support, from grants to expertise, and from international intervention to locally-led provision. In a more constrained fiscal context, we are focused on mobilising finance, building institutional capability, and supporting locally-driven solutions that deliver lasting impact.

Ongoing engagement with the Committee

We recognise the Committee's interest in the UK's continued engagement with TFFF and the importance of maintaining influence as the Facility develops. The Government will continue to engage constructively with Brazil and other partners and will keep Parliament informed as this work progresses. We welcome continued dialogue with the Committee on these issues.

Yours ever,



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