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Dear Sarah,

Yesterday, the UK Government published its Integrated Review of foreign, development, security and defence policy. The Review sets out our vision of the UK's role in the world through to 2030 and the action we will take at home and around the world to ensure that Global Britain is stronger, safer and more prosperous in a more competitive age.

The document, which is the product of over a year of work across Government and consultation with a huge range of external organisations and academics, outlines the Government's strategy on issues ranging from trade, climate change, countering state threats and terrorism, as well as meeting global health challenges. I wanted to write to you to set out some of the Review's key findings, a copy of which can be found here (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/global-britain-in-a-competitive-age-the-integrated-review-of-security-defence-development-and-foreign-policy>). I set this out today in a speech, 'Force for Good: Global Britain in the 2020s' (<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/a-force-for-good-in-a-competitive-age-foreign-secretary-speech-at-the-aspen-security-conference>).

I also wanted to thank you for your work to scrutinise my Department's approach to the IR.

Our vision

We recognise that as we publish this review, the global context in the coming decade will be challenging. However, the UK will not shy away from this difficult backdrop. Our goal is to shape the international order of the future by working with others. We want to demonstrate that the benefits of liberal democracy and free markets are the best model for the social and economic advancement of humankind. We will shape the norms that govern new technology to ensure we benefit while maintaining our security and freedoms. We will bring countries together to tackle the biggest global challenges.

Our priorities

To achieve this vision, the Integrated Review outlines policy objectives that cut across the traditional divisions of foreign, development, security, domestic and defence policy.

First, we want to grow the UK as a **Great Science and Technology Power**, pursuing our strategic advantage and shaping international norms. We want to create a thriving science and technology ecosystem. We will increase economy-wide research and development to 2.4% of GDP by 2027. We are establishing an Advanced Research & Invention Agency to protect our intellectual property and sensitive research. The UK will be a global leader on space, bringing together military and civil space policy.

We will establish a new Space Command and develop the ability to launch British satellites from the UK. We will act as a responsible, democratic cyber power: detecting, disrupting and deterring adversaries through the National Cyber Security Centre and the National Cyber Force; and promoting norms of free, open, peaceful and secure cyberspace.

Our second priority is **free trade, through** creating British jobs, expanding our trading relationships, but also offering the developing world a more compelling model of growth. We will be a champion for free and fair trade, reinvigorating the WTO and modernising the rulebook. We have already applied to join the trans-pacific trade partnership, and will secure trade agreements with countries covering 80% of UK trade by the end of 2022. We will enable growth in developing countries through economic partnership agreements, serving as a force for good in the communities in which we invest. We will also work with partners to diversify the UK's supply in critical goods.

Third, we will take a **more robust approach to security and deterrence** by defending the British people, but also building up better governance abroad. We will defend the UK both at home and abroad, improving our ability to understand, detect, attribute and act in response to aggression across the range of state threats. We will increase our investment in defence to 2.2% of GDP, reaffirming our commitment to NATO, supporting its adaptation to new threats and ensuring the credibility of our nuclear deterrent. We will provide support in Africa, in particular in East Africa. The aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth II will deploy to the Mediterranean, Middle East and Indo-Pacific leading a British and allied task group.

Finally, **Global Britain will be a force for good**, by tackling international challenges, but also expanding British interests. Tackling climate change and biodiversity loss will be the Government's top international priority, supported by the £11.6 billion we have committed to international climate finance and our ten point green plan to reach net zero by 2050. We will help the world to beat Covid-19 by accelerating equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics worldwide; whilst seeking reform of the World Health Organisation, supported by a 30% increase in core funding to £340 million over the next four years. We will establish a global hub to provide countries with a single source of intelligence on human, animal and environmental risks.

We will continue to stand up for open societies. We were the first European country to announce sanctions against the regime in Belarus, and we have introduced measures to ensure that British organisations are not complicit in, or profiting from, human rights violations in Xinjiang. We will continue to defend press and media freedom and to promote freedom of religion or belief, including through an international ministerial conference in 2022. We will use our leadership on international development – with a return to spending 0.7% of GNI on ODA – to help tackle global poverty and achieve the sustainable development goals by 2030. By combining aid with diplomacy through the creation of the FCDO we can focus our aid where the UK can make a difference, while delivering on wider objectives that serve the UK national interest. And we will establish a new conflict resolution centre in the FCDO, drawing on expertise from across government and beyond.

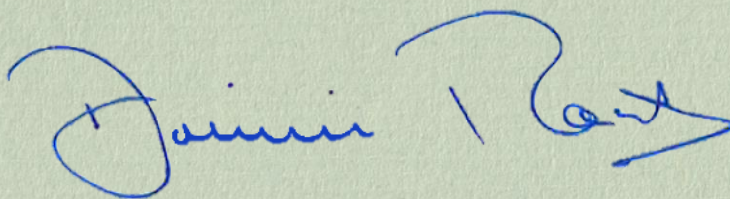
Our approach

We will play a more active part in international institutions including the UN, WTO and WHO and the international financial institutions. We will seek to shape the international order of the future, extending it in areas such as cyberspace and space, and protecting democratic values.

We will develop stronger alliances and wider partnerships, building from the bedrock of our traditional alliances with the United States and Europe, and as the leading European ally within NATO. However, we will also increase our engagement in the Indo-Pacific, including through becoming a dialogue partner to the ASEAN group of nations. We want to become a partner of choice in Africa, with a focus on East Africa; and to foster thriving relationships in the Middle East based on trade, green innovation and science and technology.

More than anything, collective action with our allies and partners will be vitally important. We will lead by example where we are strong and identify where we are better placed to support others to achieve our shared goals.

I look forward to working with you as we tackle the challenges ahead and seize the opportunities, ensuring we can face the threats of the future head on and that the UK is match-fit for a more competitive world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dominic Raab". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'R'.

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