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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 May regarding the situation in Sudan. Last week, I wrote to you in response to your questions concerning the RSF-aligned National Authority for Humanitarian Access (NAHA) directives. As assured, I am now responding to your further questions regarding the International Sudan Conference in Berlin. I am replying in my capacity as Minister for International Development and Africa.

The International Sudan Conference in Berlin was a timely and important opportunity to refocus global attention on what remains the worst humanitarian crisis of the 21st century. You asked what assessment we had made of the successes of the conference as well as any enduring blockages. Importantly, the conference helped maintain focus on Sudan at a moment of intense competition for the global spotlight. It was also very welcome that Sudanese civilians were able to agree a unified statement at the conference - as we continue to support Sudan in moving towards a civilian-led transition. However, the conference also underscored the scale of the challenges still ahead and the need to sustain pressure to bring about safety and security in Sudan.

Humanitarian pledges and UK funding to Sudan

During the conference, the Foreign Secretary announced that the UK is providing £146 million in new funding to Sudan, which will reach almost 2 million people with life-saving aid. As part of this, she announced that we are more than doubling our support to local Sudanese responders, aid groups and human rights defenders - including to the Emergency Response Rooms and women-led organisations. This is vital support that will enable those closest to the crisis to deliver much-needed support to the hardest-to-reach areas.

Alongside our co-hosts, Germany, France, the United States, the African Union and the European Union, and our international partners, the conference saw more the £1 billion in

humanitarian support pledged – this is a significant indicator of global resolve, and it will save lives. However, funding alone cannot solve this manmade crisis. That is why, at the conference, the Foreign Secretary urgently pushed for an immediate ceasefire and for every possible tool to be used to get aid in.

Civilians' declaration

One of the core aims of the Berlin conference was to centre Sudanese civilian voices and to elevate their perspectives on ending the war and securing a just, civilian-led transition. The conference included a civilian plenary, convened by the Quintet (African Union (AU), European Union (EU), United Nations (UN), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and the League of Arab States, in which nearly 40 political and civilian actors agreed a joint declaration calling for an end to the war and the advancement of a Sudanese-owned political process and transition which is an vital first step towards a credible, civilian-led peace.

The Berlin Principles

Following the conference on 15 April, the UK co-penned the co-hosts' statement, reaffirming our shared commitment to ensuring Sudan does not become a forgotten crisis and urging all partners to intensify efforts to bring the conflict to an end. Later that month, following sustained engagement, all conference participants endorsed the Berlin Principles – 12 guiding principles for a peaceful and durable resolution to the conflict in line with the Quad Joint Statement, the African Union Roadmap and Resolutions and other relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Sudan.

The Berlin principles establish a clearer and more unified framework for international action. They reaffirm Sudan's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity, underscore that there can be no military solution and call for an immediate humanitarian truce, followed by a sustained ceasefire and an inclusive, civilian-led transition. They support robust implementation, monitoring and verification arrangements, emphasise the need for Sudanese-led governance, including the meaningful participation of women, and call for an end to external support fuelling the conflict.

While the delayed agreement to these principles demonstrates the complex diplomatic landscape in which we are operating, these commitments signal a renewed international resolve. They demonstrate that, through sustained diplomacy and coordinated global action, progress remains possible.

Progress towards a ceasefire

However, the conference also highlighted the scale of the challenges that remain. There is still no agreement between the warring parties on steps towards a ceasefire. Humanitarian access remains severely constrained in many areas, while continued external support is sustaining the conflict and contributing to an increasingly dangerous

operating environment.

The UK continues to work tirelessly to support efforts towards a ceasefire. There is no military solution to this conflict, an immediate humanitarian truce is urgently needed. In every meeting and on every agenda, the Foreign Secretary continues to drive forward the need for the international community to come together to press for a sustainable ceasefire, alongside the Quad's vital efforts to secure a humanitarian truce. Through our role at the UN Security Council (UNSC) as penholder on Sudan, as leader for the core group at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and our seat at the G7, we are pushing for a single, coordinated international effort to press the parties to engage meaningfully in negotiations and to remove, without delay, all barriers to humanitarian access. The Foreign Secretary and ministers have consistently raised Sudan as a priority with key partners, including the Quad, urging collective action to cut off arms flows, disrupt supply lines, and drive both sides towards dialogue.

Diaspora

You asked what work has been undertaken over the last six months to consult Sudanese diaspora groups. In April 2026, the FCDO co-hosted an event ahead on the conference that brought together UK-based diaspora, civil society, Members of Parliament and the House of Lords to commemorate the third anniversary of the conflict. Both the Foreign Secretary and I attended and had the opportunity to meet insightful and inspiring members of the community. Over the past months, dedicated resource has been invested to scale up our engagement with the Sudanese diaspora in the UK and the region. Both Ministers and senior officials meet periodically with diaspora representatives and work is underway to establish a more formalised engagement forum that enables diaspora communities to engage with officials on key issues – the first of which will be in the coming month.

Next steps

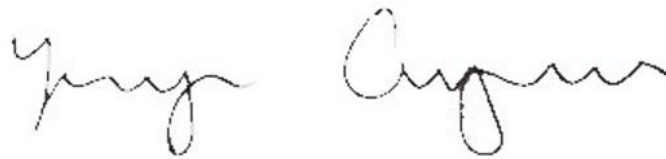
Building on the momentum of the International Sudan Conference in Berlin, the UK will continue to keep Sudan firmly on the global agenda. This week, we will convene a meeting of the Coalition for Atrocity Prevention in Sudan. Together with Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, and now France, Canada, and Sierra Leone who joined in April following the conference, we are raising the cost of atrocities and advancing justice.

Last week, both the Foreign Secretary and I attended the Global Partnerships Conference (GPC) to deepen collaboration with international and local partners. In our discussions and interventions, we focused, in particular, on scaling up support to local responders and advancing the humanitarian reset so that assistance can reach those most in need.

We will also continue ongoing engagement with the Quad, as well as with key

international actors including UN Secretary General (UNSG) Personal Envoy to Sudan Pekka Haavisto and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Denise Brown, to jointly press for progress on a ceasefire and to secure meaningful improvements in humanitarian access. In the wake of the conference our priorities remain clear: sustaining international coordination and increasing pressure on the parties to agree to a truce, protecting civilians and supporting the delivery of aid to those who need it, and creating the conditions for a credible, civilian-led path to peace.

Yours ever,

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