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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your letter of 20 May to the Foreign Secretary about the Government's commitment to ODA spending.

I am grateful for your recognition of the success of the Global Partnerships Conference and would like to thank you and the committee for your engagement and support. Together with our co-hosts the Government of South Africa, British Investment International and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, the conference convened government and multilateral leaders, philanthropic actors, civil society and private sector partners from across the world. It exemplified our new approach – one that puts partnership and locally led approaches at the heart of our development work – and focused on reform efforts. There's a lot there for the UK to be proud of, such as £1 billion worth of investments in a new climate initiative over the next 5 years, expecting to raise an additional £3.5 billion in private capital, the launch of the UK's Global Research and Technology Development portfolio to build long term science and technology partnerships that turn cutting-edge research and innovation into scalable solutions, and the creation of new Communities of Expertise to share skills and solve mutual challenges.

As the Foreign Secretary set out in Parliament in March, our commitment to international development is as important as ever. It reflects our values and supports those in extreme poverty and, in an interconnected world, crises around the world impact our security at home. As you are aware, and as the Prime Minister reiterated to Parliament on 20 May, to fund a necessary increase in defence spending, the Government took the decision to reduce the UK ODA budget to the equivalent of 0.3% of GNI by 2027. This reflects the world we live in and the threats our country faces, while maintaining economic stability. The Spending Review 2025 details departmental ODA budgets that reflect this decision and which the

Government is committed to meeting. The Government is committed to returning to spending 0.7% of GNI on ODA when the fiscal circumstances allow.

The FCDO's ODA programme allocations set out in March outline how we are reprioritising in line with our new approach to development. We have been able to set three years of allocations, providing teams with the predictability required to effectively manage the transition to 0.3% of GNI. All future plans are subject to revision as, by its nature, the department's work is dynamic. Programme allocations are continually reviewed to respond to changing global needs, including humanitarian crises and other ODA allocation decisions.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Baroness Chapman'.

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