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Dear Louis,

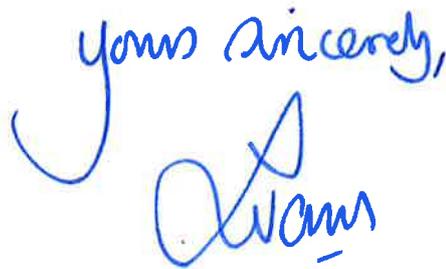
UK EXPORT FINANCE FINANCING SUPPORT FOR EXPORT OF TYPHOON AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO QATAR

Thank you for your letter of 20 June 2018. This is to confirm that I am formally directing you as Accounting Officer to proceed with providing UKEF support for export of Typhoon aircraft and associated equipment and services to Qatar.

I note your concerns that the nature of this transaction means it cannot be considered as within UKEF's normal underwriting criteria. However, I have considered, with Ministerial colleagues, arguments in support of proceeding with the transaction in the national interest in terms of industrial and foreign policy and for security reasons. I believe these arguments are sound and the benefits of this transaction would be in the national interest.

I therefore instruct you to make the appropriate arrangements along the lines discussed for the relevant support mechanisms to be put in place as requested.

I will of course inform Parliament of this instruction in due course.

Yours sincerely,


THE RT HON DR LIAM FOX MP
Secretary of State, Department for International Trade
& President of the Board of Trade