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To Supporters of the Burma Campaign UK
regarding British Aid to Burmese military
companies

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Thank you for your recent correspondence about the risk that UK aid to Myanmar could be used to purchase goods or services from military owned companies.

Following fifty years of military rule and extended international isolation the Myanmar economy is deeply distorted. Across DFID's economic programmes, we are working to build an economy that works for the people of Myanmar, for example by supporting progress with key reforms such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Index.

In order to prevent our funds going to military owned companies we already have an enhanced private sector due diligence regime in place. We are constantly working to further strengthen this process. For example, we have reviewed the UN Fact Finding Mission report and are now adding the military owned companies identified in Annex B to our due diligence watchlist. This will ensure that all of our partners understand that neither they, nor their downstream partners, should purchase products or services from these companies.

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