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Thank you for your letter. I am very sorry to hear of your health issues and wish you a successful and speedy recovery.

It is with regret that the Government accepts your resignation. Over the last three years under your Chairmanship you have steered the Trust successfully through some great moments for the BBC including coverage of the Olympics and continuing to deliver high quality original programming that is exported around the world.  You have also embraced the challenges that have confronted the BBC, putting in place improvements to governance and building a stronger executive team helping the BBC to move forward with confidence.  Throughout you have shown an unfettered personal commitment to securing the best outcome for the public.

I wish to thank you for all that you have done for the BBC and wish you all the best for the future.

**The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP**

**Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport**

**and Minister for Equalities**