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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Anneliese

Thank you for your hard work, deep commitment and friendship.

Overseas development is vitally important, and I am proud of what we have done. The UK will still be providing significant humanitarian and development support, and we will continue to protect vital programmes – including in the world’s worst conflict zones of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan. The decision I have taken on the impact on ODA was a difficult and painful decision and not one I take lightly. We will do everything we can to return to a world where that is not the case and to rebuild a capability on development. However, protecting our national security must always be the first duty of any government and I will always act in the best interests of the British people.

Your work to support the most vulnerable regions has had a significant impact. The efforts to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine as they enter a fourth year of war have been critical and the recent £17 million package for aid into Gaza following the ceasefire will do vital work to ensure healthcare, food and shelter reaches tens of thousands of civilians. I also commend you on your announcement of a new partnership between the UK Government and private finance to tackle climate change and boost growth in the global south. Thank you for shining the spotlight on the most desperate situations through your engagement with communities in Sudan recently where you announced life-saving support for those hardest hit in the conflict.

I appreciate your tireless work to set this Government’s direction on equality and opportunity. You have shown determination to tackle all forms of discrimination and boost opportunity for people across the UK.

I know you will have more to contribute in the future and continue to represent your constituents in Oxford East with dedication.

All best wishes,

The Right Honourable Anneliese Dodds MP