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Dear George,

Thank you for your correspondence of 5 October to the Prime Minister on behalf of a number of your constituents, about loss and damage. I am replying as the Minister for Development and Africa.

I agree that it is the poorest and most vulnerable who face the harshest realities of climate change and recognise the importance of ensuring that these countries and communities can respond to the risks they face. Over 2016-2020, the UK spent £2.4 billion of International Climate Finance (ICF) specifically on climate adaptation, including investments in areas relevant to addressing loss and damage.

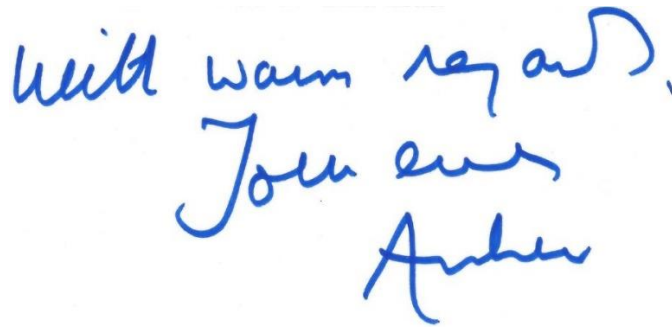
The UK made commitments at COP27 to increase finance to those most impacted by climate change. Most importantly, the Prime Minister announced that we will triple funding for adaptation programmes from £500 million in 2019 to £1.5 billion in 2025. We also pledged to spend over £13 million to support vulnerable countries to adapt to climate impacts, and towards efforts to avert, minimise and address loss and damage.

We recognise that the current impacts of climate change are leading to losses and damages, and these are likely to increase in frequency and severity. At COP27, all parties agreed to establish new funding arrangements to assist developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change, including a fund for responding to losses and damages.

The UK is one of the twenty-four members of the Transitional Committee (TC) set up to advance these issues. We are actively engaging with TC members and other parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to ensure funding arrangements deliver effectively for those most vulnerable to climate change. The UK is open to new ideas on innovative financial mechanisms that can support greater climate action and help us to deliver on new funding arrangements to address loss and damage, including contributions from the private sector and philanthropies.

It is important to note that the loss and damage fund has not yet been fully established, and the work of the TC continues. The UK will continue to engage with other members of the TC to establish the fund effectively, and as soon as is practically possible.

The UK will also continue to drive global climate ambition through our leadership in multilateral forums, including the UN COP process, G7 and G20 forums, as well as through our ICF commitments and our diplomatic networks.



With warm regards,
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