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Dame Meg Hillier MP
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Dear Meg,

International Development – 0.7% of GNI on ODA target 2021

I am writing to draw your attention to the Written Ministerial Statement made before Parliament today, *International Development – 0.7% of GNI on ODA target 2021*.

The Statement explains that the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic meant the target to spend 0.7% of Gross National Income (GNI) on Official Development Assistance (ODA) was not met in 2021, on a provisional basis, and outlines the approach to returning to the 0.7% target once the fiscal situation allows. Alongside the laying of the Unnumbered Act Paper laid in the same terms as the Statement, this fulfils the duty in Section 2 of the International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Act 2015.

We remain committed to international development and the 2015 Act, and intend to return to spending 0.7% of GNI on ODA as soon as fiscal circumstances allow.

Yours sincerely,

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