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**RE: TRADE & POVERTY.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the role that trade can play in helping the world's poorest.

Following our decision to leave the EU, the UK now has the ability to shape its own trade policy. There are many opportunities and responsibilities that come with this. We must now capitalise on harnessing new export opportunities, attracting inward investment and building UK dynamism by making the UK the best place in the world to do business.

As you correctly highlight, alongside the great opportunities increased trade brings to this country, we must ensure that developing nations share in these benefits. I have always believed that free trade is one of the most powerful tools we have to help those in the greatest need around the world; indeed, this is one of the many reasons I campaigned for a 'Leave' vote, with research showing that trade is one of the best liberators of global poverty, as seen in China and India.

Ministers are clear that the UK will seek to be a global advocate for free trade, ensuring that the Government works constructively to help eradicate global poverty, including as part of future UK trade policy.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*with best wishes,*

*Tom*

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