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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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New Constituent,

RE: CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY.

Thank you for contacting me recently about Christmas Jumper Day; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I agree that it is essential that every effort is made to support children living in some of the most difficult conditions imaginable. That is why Ministers are proud the UK is a leading donor to the humanitarian response in Bangladesh for the Rohingya people having committed £129 million to the crisis since August 2017.

I also share your concerns regarding the crisis in Yemen and the plight of children who are caught up in this conflict. The UK is leading the global response to this crisis, as the fourth largest humanitarian donor to the country. The UK recently announced an additional £170 million for Yemen, to cover the 2018/19 financial year. This funding is in addition to the over £400 million of bilateral support from the UK since the conflict began in 2015 and will provide food to 2.5 million Yemeni people.

Over the last five years, UK aid has undoubtedly been life-saving and life-changing for millions of the poorest people around the world. Between 2015 and 2018, the Department for International Development (DFID) supported 11.4 million children to gain a decent education and helped 40.3 million people get access to clean water and/or better sanitation. The British people are incredibly generous, and at its best the global aid system does fantastic lifesaving work, supporting refugees, giving life-saving aid to stop people dying of hunger, and vaccinating children against preventable diseases.

Unfortunately, due to long-standing parliamentary commitments, I was unable to attend this event, but I will continue to follow this issue closely.

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,

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