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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Confront,

RE: ARMS EXPORTS TO ISRAEL

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of military exports to Israel. I have read your comments with interest.

Her Majesty's Government takes its export control responsibilities extremely seriously and operates one of the most robust export control regimes anywhere in the world. All export licence applications are rigorously assessed on a case-by-case basis against the 'Strategic Export Licensing Criteria', based on the most up-to-date information and analysis available, including advice received from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the Ministry of Defence, and other UK Government departments and agencies, as appropriate.

Licence decisions take account of prevailing circumstances at the time of application and include human rights and international humanitarian law considerations. I am assured that the Government will not issue export licences where to do so would be inconsistent with the criteria, including where there is a clear risk that the arms might be used for internal repression, or in the commission of a serious violation of international humanitarian law.

I know that ministers continue to monitor the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories closely, and will take action to suspend, refuse, or revoke licences – in line with the criteria – if circumstances require.

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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