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Dear Minister

Thank you for the ongoing hard work and dedication of yourself and your colleagues at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. The UK has played an integral role in delivering a ceasefire in Gaza, and for that I commend you.

Despite this progress, I have serious concerns regarding the continued hardship of the Palestinian people at the hands of the Israeli authorities.

I recently met with Doctors Without Borders, who explained to me the dreadful situation on the ground. They told me that Palestinians are being killed and injured on an almost daily basis by the Israeli forces.

Furthermore, I understand that the Israeli authorities continue to impose severe and punitive restrictions on the entry of aid into Gaza. There is serious concern that Israel is misapplying its dual-use restrictions to simple medical devices, such as scalpels.

Finally, the living conditions in Gaza remain appalling. Many are living without access to water, shelter, and electricity, while enduring unhygienic conditions that are already leading to infections and disease.

Minister, I am sure you are already aware of the details I have set out above, and I am certain you are working tirelessly to resolve these issues. However, I must ask the following:

- What steps is the Department taking to address violations of the ceasefire?
- What is the Department doing to ensure the continued flow of food and medical aid into Gaza?
- What assistance is the UK Government offering to support the urgent reconstruction of Gaza?

Thank you once again for your continued hard work. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards
Matt Western