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Dear Hamish,

Re: Humanitarian Aid in Gaza

The significant challenges surrounding the delivery of aid was drastically heightened by the Israeli Government's recent announcement, in which it outlined plans to revoke the licences of 37 humanitarian groups working in Gaza and the occupied West Bank.

As I know you are aware, humanitarian organisations had already faced mounting obstacles, including restrictions on access to the Gaza Strip, delays in screening processes, and uncertainty over the continued registration of international NGOs. The recent decision to revoke licences for aid groups is a clear violation of the international community's effort to deliver food, medical supplies and shelter materials.

Such a decision undermines the impartial delivery of life-saving assistance and could lead to the closure of vital health services within weeks. Therefore, I have welcomed the Foreign Secretary's recent announcement reaffirming the UK's commitment to addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. This assurance is important and reflects the concerns raised by many of my constituents, who are deeply troubled by the scale of suffering and the Israeli Government's efforts to block life-saving assistance.

Given these challenges, could you outline the concrete steps that the UK Government will now take to ensure that aid reaches those who need it most, without delay, and that humanitarian access is restored, protected and expanded?

The situation is deteriorating rapidly, and failure to act will have catastrophic consequences for civilians, particularly children. I trust that the UK will continue to lead efforts to uphold international humanitarian law and alleviate suffering.

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter.

Kind regards,

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MP for Warwick and Leamington