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Dear Lindsay

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During the Statement on Iran on Wednesday 25 September, you said, "can the Minister confirm whether that incorrect statement by the now Prime Minister was raised with Mr Rouhani in the bilateral meeting? Could he also detail what steps will be taken next by the UK Government along with European partners to secure the release of Nazanin"? I am sorry that I was unable to respond to you at the time and I promised to write to you.

The Prime Minister raised the case of Mrs Zagarhi Ratcliffe with President Rouhani at UNGA and pushed for her release. The UK government continues to repeatedly press, and will continue to press, for exceptional consular access and appropriate medical care for all dual national detainees.

I hope you find this letter helpful. I will also place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Patrick

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