

Department for International Development

Lord Collins of Highbury House of Lords London SW1A oPW

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Dear Raymond,

Thank you for your question in the House of Lords on 8 June. I am writing to you to provide a clarification on UK participation at Media Freedom events taking place later this year.

I can confirm that the UK will participate in the 2020 Global Media Freedom Conference that will be hosted by Canada in September. The UK will also be represented at the rescheduled World Press Freedom Day event, which will be hosted by the Netherlands and UNESCO on 18 – 20 October in The Hague, if international travel is permitted. This event will provide an opportunity to celebrate both World Press Freedom Day and the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, which takes place on 2 November 2020.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely, Johnad & Winkhehm

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