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Dear Lord Glasman,

I am writing to respond to your suggestions regarding coordination with international partners, which you made on 4 June during a Question for Short Debate on Hong Kong (Hansard: c.1511).

The UK is leading the international response and thinking on Hong Kong. The Foreign Secretary is engaging actively with a host of international partners across a number of likeminded groupings, including with G7 countries and beyond, to explain our position and impress on them the gravity of the situation. We have issued a number of statements with partners, setting out our shared concern regarding China's proposal to impose national security legislation on Hong Kong, and urging China to rethink.

As the Foreign Secretary stated in Parliament on 2 June, we want to build up a groundswell of those who share our commitment to international law.

We believe that this approach, of seeking to get as many countries as possible to speak out, is the most effective means of urging China to live up to its obligations and responsibilities to Hong Kong, as a leading member of the international community.

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

Yours sincerely,

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