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Dear Baroness Falkner,

I am writing further to your comments following the Oral Statement on Ukraine on Thursday 29 February and your implication of the lack of UK leadership regarding Ukraine. I would like to put on the record that I dispute this implication and wish to set out the UK's longstanding record of strong support for Ukraine, which has often led the response of the international community.

The UK was the first to train Ukrainian troops; the first in Europe to provide lethal weapons; the first to commit western battle tanks; the first to provide long-range missiles; and the first to keep the promise made at last year's NATO Summit, alongside thirty other countries, when the Prime Minister met President Zelenskyy in Kyiv in January and signed an historic UK-Ukraine Agreement on Security Cooperation to provide Ukraine with the security assurances it needs for the long term.

Total UK support pledged since 24 February 2022 now amounts to almost £12 billion. This includes over £7 billion in military support; £357 million in humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and the region; over £4.2 billion in fiscal support through World Bank loan guarantees and grants; £6.2 million to the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group to support Ukraine's domestic investigations and prosecution of international crimes; and £2 million to aid the International Criminal Court's evidence collection and to support victims and witnesses.

The UK has also committed to train up to 10,000 Ukrainian personnel in the first half of this year, with over 35,000 Ukrainians trained since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion. We also continue our longstanding Operation ORBITAL, which before Russia's illegal full-scale invasion had delivered training to more than 22,000 Armed Forces of Ukraine personnel in Ukraine. ORBITAL now includes Defence Medical personnel, who are delivering training and mentoring the Armed Forces of Ukraine Medical Services in Ukraine.

Our focus remains on working with partners, in particular the EU, the US and wider G7, to provide Ukraine with the support it needs. Now more than ever is the time to double down our support so that Ukraine not only wins the war, but emerges from it as a strong, sovereign, and free country. As I said in the House on 29 February, when we say "Slava Ukraini", we mean it, not just with words, but with our actions and what we continue to deliver in support of Ukraine and her people.

I have placed a copy of the letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

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