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**Centenary of the Balfour Declaration (update)**

Thank you for contacting me about the forthcoming centenary of the Balfour declaration.

In this Parliament, we will continue to mark events and decisions that took place during and after World War One, including the Balfour declaration. The Prime Minister has extended a guest of Government invitation to Prime Minister Netanyahu to visit the UK on the centenary.

I am proud of our role in the creation of Israel. However, I know that the Government shares my view that the declaration should have called for the protection of political rights of non-Jewish communities in Palestine, particularly their right to self-determination. This why the UK supports a two-state solution.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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