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President Trump's Statement Regarding Jerusalem

Thank you for contacting me about President Trump's decisions on US policy affecting Jerusalem.

On the 6th November, President Donald Trump reversed decades of US foreign policy by formally recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and committing to moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Theresa May has made the UK Government's view clear. The Government believes the President's decision is unhelpful in the pursuit for peace in the region and that the status of Jerusalem can only be settled in the context of a comprehensive final settlement of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

Mrs May told the BBC:

"The British embassy to Israel is based in Tel Aviv and we have no plans to move it.

Our position on the status of Jerusalem is clear and longstanding: it should be determined in a negotiated settlement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and Jerusalem should ultimately be the shared capital of the Israeli and Palestinian states. In line with relevant [UN] Security Council Resolutions, we regard East Jerusalem as part of the Occupied Palestinian Territories." (BBC News, 06.12.17, [link](#))

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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