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### **Aid to China**

Thank you for contacting me about aid to China.

I believe that investing in overseas development not only helps the world's poorest, but is in UK's national interest. The UK no longer has a traditional financial aid relationship with China. This ended in 2011, as strong economic development meant that China could finance its own development.

However, it remains important that the UK continues to work with China, which has an increasing presence on the global stage on issues important to the UK and is the UK's third biggest export market. Engagement on development issues and use of Official Development Assistance (ODA) is a key element of relationship, to reduce poverty and drive progress on the Sustainable Development Goals in developing countries.

The UK-China Development Partnership was established to draw on UK development expertise, in particular to promote economic development, global health, and international disaster responses. The partnership aims to enhance the impact of China's investments in Asia and Africa, including by promoting investment, job creation and exports in countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zambia. The UK also worked with China to help co-ordinate contributions to the Ebola crisis in West Africa in 2015.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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