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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Dr Adamsen

Thank you and your co-signatories for your letter of 6 July about the visit of President Trump.

I want to reassure you that I have made the UK's position on climate change very clear. I telephoned the President to express our disappointment when the US announced its decision to pull out of the Paris Agreement. At the June G7, I again affirmed the UK's commitment to Paris, stating that we believe it is the right global framework for tackling climate change. We remain fully committed to effective international implementation of the Agreement, including fulfilling our own commitments, encouraging others to do the same, and promoting more ambitious action.

We will seek to maintain our close work with the US on this important agenda as the world transitions to a low carbon economy. We have worked closely with the US – both at federal and state level – on a whole range of climate and energy issues. We are continuing to engage on clean growth, Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage, renewables, science, technology and research. In September, FCO Minister of State Mark Field hopes to attend the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco with the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, Nick Bridge. We have also invited a number of US Federal, State and Industry figures to attend our Zero Emission Vehicle Summit in autumn 2018.

I want to assure you that the UK will continue to take leadership on climate change. The ground-breaking 2008 Climate Change Act, which committed to reduce UK emissions by 80% over 1990 levels by 2050 continues to frame our approach. Later this year we will be seeking the advice of the Committee on Climate Change on the implications of the Paris Agreement for our long-term emissions reduction targets. Meanwhile, as you mention, our Clean Growth Strategy and the Industrial Strategy's Clean Growth Grand Challenge will help deliver carbon reductions and drive clean growth innovation, exports and investment.

We are already seeing the devastating effects of climate change around the world and its impact on a whole host of risks, including food and water security, conflict and instability, and migration. That is why tackling climate change and mitigating its effects for the world's poorest are among the most critical challenges that we face and why I announced £140 million of new funding to help the world's poorest communities address the effects of climate change when I attended the One Planet Summit in Paris. At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, we announced further funding for innovation technology that will help Commonwealth countries tackle climate change, prepare for natural disasters and lower emissions. That is why I agreed the UK would lead the climate resilience pillar of work at the 2019 UN Climate Summit.

You also note that we have proved that it is possible to cut emissions and simultaneously grow the economy. Our early action on clean growth means that we are well placed to take advantage of enormous potential economic opportunities, and this is a message we are very much taking to US policy makers.

We remain committed to managing the risks posed by climate change and to working with the US to encourage them to play their role in reducing carbon emissions. Ultimately, our nations are safer, more prosperous and more creative when we work together.

Yours sincerely
