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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your email of 3 October about the Global Fund.

We share your concern about the devastating impact that COVID-19 has had on progress against all our global health goals, including against HIV, TB and malaria. This includes the target to end TB by 2030, with the World Health Organisation reporting an 18% decrease in people being treated for TB, reflecting the severe impact COVID-19 has had on TB prevention and diagnostics.

Global health remains at the core of our international development offer. Our International Development Strategy (IDS) sets out our priorities in global health. These include working towards ending the preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children, investing both bilaterally and through initiatives such as Gavi and the Global Fund, and building stronger health systems to reduce both the impact of COVID-19 and other diseases and the risk of future global health threats. We have also published papers which provide more detail on our approach to Ending Preventable Deaths and Health Systems Strengthening.

Minister Ford represented the UK at the Global Fund's seventh replenishment Summit on 21 September where she restated the UK's continued commitment to the Global Fund. We are taking great consideration in the UK's pledge to the seventh replenishment. The UK's pledge to the seventh replenishment will be announced in the coming weeks.

I look forward to continuing to work together to maintain and advance the UK Government's priorities and leadership in global health, including through the Global Fund.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. Lord Goldsmith
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