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Dear Nicholas McGeehan,

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 October about Sudan, following up on previous exchanges in April.

We are, and will remain, strong supporters of the work of the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan (UN FFM). We led efforts, alongside partners in the UK-launched Coalition for Atrocity Prevention and Justice for Sudan, to successfully extend the UN FFM's mandate again this October.

We welcome the UN FFM's important report published on 3 September, highlighting the role that external support to both parties has played in sustaining this brutal conflict. We continue to have robust conversations with all those with influence on this conflict and have been clear that any support to the warring parties fuels the bloodshed, and should stop. The UK maintains a bilateral arms embargo on the whole of Sudan, and we continue to call for compliance with the existing UN arms embargo on Darfur. Negotiations on its renewal are currently underway following the mandate's technical rollover to December, and we are supporting US-led efforts to strengthen its scope.

The UK's Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 reflects the UK's ongoing commitment to the people of Sudan and to the promotion of peace, stability and respect for human rights. Through targeted sanctions, the UK seeks to promote accountability for those whose actions contribute to conflict and instability, while supporting international efforts towards a peaceful and inclusive future for Sudan. We have introduced six rounds of sanctions since the conflict began, targeting military commanders implicated in atrocities and illicit financial networks suspected of fuelling the conflict. Most recently, on 26 October, we sanctioned fifteen individuals suspected of involvement in atrocities such as conflict related sexual violence, including during the 2025 assault on El Fasher.

As we made clear in our letter dated 30 April, we do not speculate on future designations as to do so would undermine their effectiveness. Our sanctions policy is continually under review as part of our efforts to respond to further atrocities, deter the perpetrators and demonstrate that those who commit atrocities are held to account.

All evidence and potential designations under the Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 are kept under close review. Although we are unable to provide comments, updates or feedback on proposed designations, evidence or other information that has been submitted, we are grateful for your interest in the Sudan sanctions regime and the information you have provided.

Thank you for your advocacy and interest in these important issues.

Yours sincerely,

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