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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to you as the Chairs of 11 UK All-Party Parliamentary Groups ahead of the G7 Leaders' Summit to highlight the need for UK leadership to ensure a bold and ambitious policy agenda that puts people and planet at the centre of the world's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

In this critical year, we very much hope to see the G7 Summit deliver transformative change and global action on issues such as human rights, global health, climate change, sexual and reproductive health, water, sanitation and hygiene, HIV and AIDs, antimicrobial resistance and tuberculosis and take decisive steps towards a successful COP26 in Glasgow in November.

The UN Global Goals, or Sustainable Development Goals, provide a shared framework to achieve progress on these critical issues and they provide the 'ready-made' roadmap for the recovery from Covid-19. The SDG's are comprehensive and universal. With their focus on leaving no-one behind, they link the domestic and international actions that are required to create a more sustainable and equitable world by 2030.

The G7 Summit is a crucial event on the timeline towards this brighter future. It is imperative that we recognise the interconnection between the drivers of – and solutions to – poverty and inequality, conflict and instability, climate change, and environmental degradation. We look towards the UK's hosting of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Summit in July and hope that your commitments to girls' education will be backed by an ambitious pledge so that the UK remains the largest donor to GPE. Bold ambition must be backed by bold action, and we hope that the UK will show strong global leadership on climate action at COP26.

In the week when the UK has the opportunity to show leadership, now is the time to invest in these key areas and to rethink your decision to reduce the development assistance budget. The reduction in the UK's aid commitments during a pandemic threatens to cast a shadow over the UK's ability to deliver at the summit. We must make our own contribution to the collective global action that now needs to be shown, and if global action on health, climate, education and recovery is to match the needs of our time, the UK needs to step up not step back.



Now is the time for cooperation and partnerships. For action, not words. We are calling for the UK government to lead the way at this critical time and take urgent action to ensure we build back better and create a healthy, sustainable future for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

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Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Chair of the APPG on Rwanda and the APPG on the Friends of Syria

Stephen Doughty MP, Chair of the APPG on HIV and AIDS

Caroline Lucas MP, Chair of the APPG for Climate Change

Dr Dan Poulter MP, Chair of the APPG on Global Health

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