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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Mr Gidney*

I am writing to thank you and your co-signatories for your recent letter about the UK's trade with developing countries following our exit from the EU.

As we leave the EU, we are committed to building a more Global Britain: a nation that acts as a firm advocate for free trade while continuing to take its responsibilities to the developing world seriously.

I am committed to ensuring our future UK trade policy works not only for the people of our country, but for the people with whom we trade around the world. As stated in the White Paper the Government recently published on Brexit, we are seeking to achieve continuity in our trade and investment relationships, including those we hold with developing countries.

The Department for International Trade is working closely with other Departments, including the Department for International Development, on the UK's plans for trade and development policy. We will be setting these out in greater detail over the coming months.

Thank you for bringing this briefing to my attention. My Ministerial team and I welcome your input as we prepare to leave the EU. I hope you are reassured that the Government is committed to creating a trade policy that will work for everyone, including the world's poorest communities.

*Yours sincerely*  
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Mr Michael Gidney