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The Rt Hon. the Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton
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Dear Secretary of State,

Israel's ongoing military operation in Gaza

Following my recent letter to Minister Mitchell raising my concerns regarding reports that Israel is planning a ground offensive into Rafah, the demands of the international community for Israel to show restraint have continued to fall on deaf ears.

The risk of regional escalation is ever greater, as the Israeli Government double down on their plans to launch a military operation by 10 March.

It is clear the only way to resolve the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is a permanent ceasefire, one that includes the return of all hostages and an immediate international effort to flood Gaza with aid.

Far too many civilians have already lost their lives. The fighting must stop now. The government should join calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire.

This is a position supported by our allies Australia, Canada and New Zealand, and reflects the language used by the UN Secretary General and is supported by more than 150 countries.

I urge you to convene a session of the UN Security Council as soon as possible to press for this demand and demonstrate the UK's shared commitment towards this aim.

I look forward to hearing what urgent action you will be taking to achieve these goals.

Yours sincerely,

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