



**UK Anti-
Corruption
Coalition**

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Dear Minister,

We are writing on behalf of the UK Anti-Corruption Coalition, a group of eighteen UK-based organisations who, through our work, witness the devastating impact of corruption on the UK and around the world.

We welcome your aim, outlined in the Year 2 Update, to challenge the UK Government to be more ambitious in the fight against corruption. We also welcome the government's commitment to delivering its Economic Crime Plan - key aspects of which overlap with the fight against corruption. The recent FinCEN Files revelations have underscored the importance of a global agenda on combating illicit finance, while the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the real risks of fraud and corruption in public bailouts and placed unprecedented pressure on public procurement systems.

As the UK forges a new path outside of the EU, we believe it is essential that the government builds on our global reputation for championing anti-corruption efforts and the rules-based international system. This reputation is a critical asset for building the Global Britain brand, as a brand based on integrity, fairness, and global leadership - leadership that has included championing beneficial ownership and extractive industry transparency.

To maintain this reputation, it is crucial that the government delivers on all aspects of the Anti-Corruption Strategy, and ensures that the resourcing and high-level political commitment are in place to make this delivery possible. Ensuring that we address the impact of corruption in its totality, both at home and abroad, is critical.

To this end, we urge you to ensure that the Government:

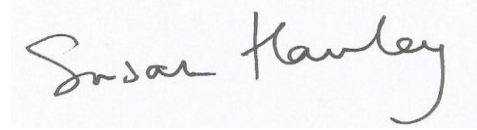
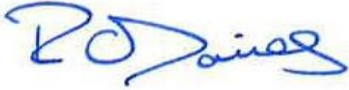
1. Maintains the global fight against corruption as a key national security and foreign policy aim in the Integrated Review;
2. Develops a far more ambitious programme for addressing corruption at home, including assigning dedicated resource to its enforcement, ensuring full transparency and the resumption of competitive processes in procurement as soon as possible, and committing to a strengthening of the UK's integrity institutions;
3. Commits ongoing and adequate resource to maintain the current anti-corruption capabilities in the UK, and additional resource to build these capabilities further;
4. Commits to finding the legislative time at the earliest possible moment to introduce much delayed flagship reforms including strengthening Companies House powers, introducing the property register and reforming corporate liability laws.

As a coalition of the UK's leading anti-corruption organisations, we are keen to offer our expertise to support you in this endeavour. We would be delighted to discuss the issues outlined in this letter in more detail, at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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