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Dear Foreign Secretary,

Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime and corruption

We are writing as chairs of the UK Anti-Corruption Coalition, a group that comprises the UK's leading anti-corruption organisations, to congratulate you on the introduction last week of the Global Human Rights Sanctions regime. This is a very welcome and bold step which we believe will enable the UK to be a beacon in holding to account those who are involved in serious human rights abuses.

As anti-corruption organisations, we particularly welcome your statement in the House that including corruption in the regime is under active consideration by the government. While corruption often goes hand in hand with human rights abuse, and itself undermines the enjoyment of human rights by people around the world, having corruption as standalone grounds for a sanctions designation is essential. It will empower the UK to be a leader in tackling egregious corrupt behaviour by the powerful that so often goes unpunished and causes untold damage both to the people of those countries where it occurs and to the UK's long-term national and security interests. It will enable the UK to tackle more effectively the flow of corrupt money into the UK which has long been a desirable destination for such funds. Finally, including corruption will allow the UK to take more effective multilateral action with its allies in the US and Canada.

We would welcome early engagement with your department about how to ensure that corruption is incorporated in the UK sanctions regime as quickly and effectively as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Davies Teka

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