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Dear all,

Thank you for your letter of 9 June to the Prime Minister regarding building a better future through post-COVID-19 recovery. I am responding on his behalf in my capacity as International Development Secretary.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were globally off-track prior to the pandemic and COVID-19 has posed additional challenges. We owe it to future generations to work together to build back better and base our recovery from the pandemic on solid foundations. The UK Government is committed to supporting implementation of the SDGs both at home and abroad.

While we remain strongly committed to responding to COVID-19, in parallel it is important to begin to consider how we will recover. Following the Prime Minister's statement on 28 May at the United Nations (UN) Secretary General High-Level Event on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19, the UK will lead a global workstream on recovering better for sustainability, in partnership with the European Union, Fiji and Rwanda.

Through this, the UK is working with others to ensure our recovery delivers cleaner, healthier, more inclusive, and more resilient economies and societies, that accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the goals of the Paris Agreement, leaving no one behind.

Alongside this work, the UK will also use events, such as the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July, to underscore the importance of sustainable recovery and the SDGs in the Decade of Action. COP26 and our forthcoming G7 presidency provide further opportunities.



I am grateful for your commitment and continued contribution to this important agenda. If we are to realise the aims of the SDGs and build back better, it is vital that this is a collaborative effort.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anne-Marie Trevelyan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'M'.

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