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Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Minister of State for Development and Africa

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Dear Prime Minister,

As representatives of the UK's development and humanitarian sector, we are writing to urge you to attend the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit, taking place at the United Nations in New York on 18-19 September, and to support the adoption of the negotiated SDG Summit Political Declaration.

The SDG Summit comes at a critical time, marking the halfway point for the transformative 2030 Agenda and SDGs, providing us with a universal framework to address the overlapping global challenges of conflict, climate, food security, and poverty while leaving no one behind. Yet, as highlighted in the [UN Secretary General's report](#) the world is severely off track to achieving the SDGs by 2030. In 2015 the UK played a central role in agreeing with this agenda under a Conservative government, explicitly pledging to leave no one behind. Time is running out if we are to realise the ambition the UK had in 2015, which requires the UK to redouble our efforts and lead by example.

We welcome the Government's ambition to [support progress on the SDGs](#). Earlier this year the [Integrated Review Refresh 2023](#) highlighted the SDGs as one of the key priorities to achieve sustainable development. Therefore, the SDG Summit is a critical moment for the UK to demonstrate it can walk the talk and show leadership by turning these commitments into action. It is also an important opportunity to rebuild the UK's reputation as a trusted partner to lower-income countries and global actors and express solidarity in building a sustainable future. Your presence at the Summit is needed to prove the UK's serious intention to advance progress on the SDGs.

We also urge the UK to join consensus on the negotiated SDG Political Declaration based on the [draft that was submitted to the President of the General Assembly](#) by the co-facilitators Ireland and Qatar.

The global community needs an ambitious and action-oriented Political Declaration to signal political will at the highest level to help achieve the SDGs. The draft text constitutes a strong basis to drive further concrete and transformative action to deliver progress towards the 2030 Agenda in an integrated manner and we encourage all delegations to support its adoption at the SDG Summit in September.

Time is running out if the world is to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. But with renewed effort by the UK, under your leadership, 2023 could be a pivotal moment for people and planet. We very much look forward to your support for the adoption of the SDG Political Declaration and your active participation at the Summit in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steph Draper", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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