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Dear Foreign Secretary,

It was right that you condemned the Israeli Government's publication of a tender for the E1 settlement units in the occupied West Bank. As you say, it endangers the viability of a two-state solution. Meanwhile, Israeli attacks continue in Gaza, humanitarian access is restricted, and in the West Bank Palestinians face daily settler violence.

For the avoidance of any doubt, these are illegal settlements contrary to international law. The UN Security Council has affirmed it repeatedly, including through Resolution 2334. The International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion of July 2024 set out clear obligations on third states, including the UK, in relation to the unlawful situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Liberal Democrats have been clear about what those obligations mean in practice: a ban on the import of goods and services produced in illegal settlements, sanctions on those carrying out and inciting settler violence, and the suspension of arms export licences as there is a risk equipment could be used in breach of international humanitarian law. Recognition of the State of Palestine, which we welcomed in September 2025, was an important step — but recognition alone does not discharge the UK's legal obligations.

We support your calls for the cancellation of the E1 tender and a halt to further settlement development. But it is vital that the Government now matches its rhetoric with concrete action.

We therefore call on the Government to:

- Impose sanctions on individuals and entities involved in the settlement expansion
- Introduce a ban on the trade of goods and services with illegal settlements in the West Bank.
- Review existing trade arrangements to prevent them from facilitating settlement activity.
- Sanction companies who participate in the E1 project, including any UK financial institutions which, through the provision of finance, directly facilitate UK companies' involvement in construction or other service provision for illegal settlements.

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- A full embargo on all arms licences including F-35 parts, plus a "presumption of denial" for countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list.
- Publish the Government assessment of UK legal obligations in light of ICJ's July 2024 Advisory Opinion.
- Continue to exert diplomatic pressure at the UN for the implementation of Resolution 2334 which called for a halt to settlement activities.
- Set out what steps the UK is taking to meet its obligation to prevent genocide in Gaza in response to the ICJ's 2024 Order.

The new Government has an opportunity to at long last meet its obligations to the Palestinian people through immediate action. It must seize that opportunity. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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