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RE: BRIBERY ACT REVIEW

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister of 13 June and subsequent letter to myself of 14 June communicating your concerns over speculation that the Government is to review the Bribery Act 2010.

I would like to reassure you that the UK Government is serious about its commitment to tackling corruption. We have no plans to diminish the role of, what we agree, is world leading legislation.

As part of our continuing implementation of the Bribery Act, we want to make sure that businesses, particularly SMEs, properly understand the requirements of the Act and the Ministry of Justice guidance. I can confirm, however, that there is no intention to relax the application of the Bribery Act. I agree that the Act is making a very positive contribution to the international consensus against corruption and helps to promote ethical business practice across the globe.

Civil society has an important role to play in the promotion of ethical business practice. Official level liaison with members of the Bond Anti-Corruption Group is therefore an important aspect of the ongoing implementation work.

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