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Dear Mr Gregson,

Thank you to you and your co-signatories for your letters dated 11 January 2024 regarding the deproscription of Hamas.

In November 2021, the UK Government extended the proscription of Hamas to cover the organisation in its entirety. This decision was based on the assessment that Hamas, as a single organisation, is concerned in terrorism and that it was no longer possible to meaningfully distinguish between the constituent elements. For a deproscription application to be valid, it must meet the requirements of the procedure set out in the Terrorism Act 2000, including that the application explains in sufficient detail the manner in which you, as an individual, are affected by the proscription.

Israel has endured the worst terrorist attack in its history at the hands of Hamas. We support Israel's right to defend itself, but it must comply with International Humanitarian Law and civilians must be protected. The UK Government supports a peaceful solution for which there must be: a Palestinian-led government in Gaza and the West Bank; a concrete plan to help reform and support the Palestinian Authority; a reconstruction plan for Gaza; and the political horizon towards delivering a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine.

Yours sincerely,
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