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Decer Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has long been clear about its concerns over the continued destabilising activity of the IRGC. This includes IRGC political, financial and military support to a number of militant and proscribed groups.

Let me assure you that, as made clear in the 2021 Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy, the UK is committed to addressing growing threats from Iran, as well as other states.

UK officials regularly raise Iran's destabilising role in the region at the UN Security Council and are fully engaged in negotiations to try and secure a return to the Iran nuclear deal and the country's full compliance with it. The UK also maintains a range of sanctions that work to constrain the destabilising activity of the IRGC.

While I appreciate that you would like to see the IRGC proscribed as a terrorist organisation here in the UK, I know that Ministers do not routinely comment on whether an organisation is or is not being considered for proscription. I can assure you, however, that the Home Office keeps the UK's list of proscribed organisations under constant review.

Going forward, HM Government will continue to use the wide range of tools at its disposal to protect the UK and our interests from any Iran-linked threats.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY