



## Foreign Affairs Committee

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*Dear Foreign Secretary,*

I am writing with regard to the UN Secretary-General's plans for reforms to the UN Resident Coordinator system. I note that the Secretary-General's implementation plan for the reformed system says that 'host governments will play key roles in this process, including by providing an upfront read-out of current country context and priorities'.<sup>1</sup>

I have heard concerns that the appointment of Resident Coordinators may become politicised, rather than merit-based, and that host governments with aims contrary to the UN development agenda could use a reformed selection process to limit the effectiveness of the Resident Coordinator system.

It would be helpful to know whether the UK government has been consulted on this issue and, if so, what response it provided.

I would also like to know if you share the concerns set out above, and would be grateful if you could tell me what overall assessment, if any, the FCO has made of the planned reforms to the Resident Coordinator system, and, specifically, of the impact of reforms to the selection process.

We will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

**Tom Tugendhat MP**  
Chair

<sup>1</sup> [http://un.org.me/UNDS\\_repositioning/20180831%20-%20Implementation%20Plan%20-%20FinalDraft%20%2831%20August%202018%29.pdf](http://un.org.me/UNDS_repositioning/20180831%20-%20Implementation%20Plan%20-%20FinalDraft%20%2831%20August%202018%29.pdf)