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Dear David.

Further to my letter of 5 November in which I set out my response to the Committee's questions about the International Strategy and the Concordat, I am writing to inform you of the proposed timetable for the publication of the final strategy document.

As you are aware, the UK Government has called a General Election for 12 December. Even though this is a UK election, the guidance around pre-election announcements is clear. As the Committee will have seen from the draft that was out for consultation recently, aspects of the strategy focus on working with the UK Government to support the delivery of our international ambition and, therefore, I have received advice from officials that it is not appropriate to publish the final strategy until after UK election result is known. Instead, I intend to publish in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for its continued interest in the development of the International Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

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