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From the Direct Communications Unit

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Dear Children,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your correspondence about the important matter of deforestation.

Forests are critical for a healthy planet and only by changing the way we use and care for our landscapes, waterways and wild places can we meet the challenge of climate change and hold rising temperatures to 1.5 degrees.

Over the past decade, the Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs has invested £62.32 million to improve farming methods in Brazil, the worlds most forested region, to better protect the Amazon. This will help save 8550 hectares of rainforest from destruction, the equivalent of approximately 21,118 football pitches.

The Prime Minister has also announced that the UK Government will contribute £80 million to the Brazilian Amazon Fund to support efforts in Brazil to look after their rainforest, the wildlife and the communities of people that live in and around it.

At COP29, the UK reaffirmed our £3 billion UK International Climate Finance (ICF) for nature over 2021-2026, with £1.5 billion dedicated to forests. The Government announced a significant package of financial support for the next generation of REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) programming, SCALE (Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions), as well as for supporting forest tenure rights in the Amazon, and for growing sustainable forest enterprises.

The UK also joined Guyana as co-chair of the Forest and Climate Leaders' Programme, building on progress made by the US and Ghana over the last two years from COP27.

The engagement and enthusiasm of young people, like yourself, who care about preventing deforestation, provides excellent support to the UK Government in its mission to protect our vital, natural world.

Thank you, once again, for writing. I can assure you the Government shares your concerns about the planet's forests and will act to protect them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Pullen', written in a cursive style.

Correspondence Officer