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Coronavirus/international response: containment of the virus in China is a key part of preventing the spread of the outbreak to the UK. As part of this, the UK is using its expertise to support the international response. This includes £5 million of funding for the World Health Organisation. DHSC is also providing £40m in funding to accelerate the development and research into new vaccines and drugs. We have also provided medical supplies to China on our evacuation flights, and deployed experts to help support countries with fragile health systems, e.g. Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. It is particularly concerning that China appears to be applying pressure on countries to whom it has given loans, or provided investment, encouraging them to keep flights running and cover up potential cases. Do you agree that FCO, DFID and DHSC should continue to work closely with the countries most vulnerable to this outbreak to strengthen health systems and share UK expertise? If so I will ensure this work is given some momentum.

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