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*Dear Dr Ahmadzai,*

Thank you for your letter of 14 April, to the Prime Minister, about British non-military resources in Afghanistan. The letter has been passed to DFID and I am replying as the Minister who leads on the issues raised.

In your letter, you suggest that your organisation, the International Committee for Rehabilitation Aid to Afghanistan, would be well placed to disperse any non-military resources that are left behind when ISAF forces withdraw from Afghanistan at the end of 2014.

I am grateful for this offer of support. There are very few non-military resources that the UK will be dispersing in Afghanistan, including those that you describe in your letter, and the dispersal of any items would not require an outside organisation.

DFID and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) will remain in Afghanistan for many years after the military drawdown. The International Development Secretary has agreed to maintain our existing level of development funding - £178 million per year - until at least 2017. We will continue to fund our existing programmes to support political stability, economic growth and the delivery of basic services in Afghanistan.

Decisions on what to do with surplus military resources from Afghanistan will be closely coordinated with NATO and ISAF. They will be assessed against EU criteria and will also require Treasury, Ministerial and Parliamentary approval. These decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis depending on operational priorities and value for money to the UK taxpayer.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Alan Duncan*

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