Thank you for your letter of 31 October highlighting the priorities of the All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) on International Development for the post-2015 development framework.

As you know, the first substantive meeting of the High Level Panel (HLP) on a post-2015 framework took place in London in early November. Many of the priorities outlined in your letter resonate strongly with the discussions I had with the Panel. The Panel touched on issues of agriculture, trade and investment, security, environment, transparency, accountability (of Governments and the framework) and human development (health and education) and how these issues impact on the development of individuals at the household level.

My fellow co-Chairs and I are deeply committed to ensuring that the Panel process is as inclusive as possible. The third day of the London Panel meeting was dedicated to outreach to ensure civil society, private sector, and young people inform our deliberations. Through initiatives such as ‘Participate’, grass-roots organisations in developing countries will engage marginalised communities to hear their priorities for a post-2015 development framework.

Parliament, too, has an important part to play, and I welcome your offer of support to my role as co-chair of the HLP on the post-2015 agenda. I know the International Development Secretary will be inviting all APPGs chairs to a series of thematic discussions on development. I hope you are able to use these opportunities to feed in your views. I would encourage the APPGs to input priorities for a post-2015 development framework through the International Development Select Committee inquiry process.

Thank you again for writing to me, and for your interest in this issue.

The Right Honourable the Lord Cameron of Dillington