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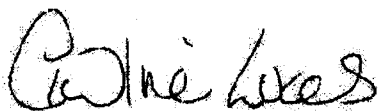
Dear Mr Miliband,

I am writing to urge you to support A/C.1/63/L.26 'Effects of the use of armaments and munitions containing depleted uranium' at the UN First Committee and the General Assembly.

I am deeply concerned about the continued use of conventional weapons containing uranium as I believe they breach the basic norms of International Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Conventions because of their long-term impact on human health and the environment. While detailed epidemiological evidence from areas where these weapons have been used is still being gathered, the vast majority of in-vitro studies suggest that uranium weapons constitute a long-term hazard to the military and civilians alike.

The weapons are already banned in Belgium. Moreover, in May this year 94 per cent of MEPs backed a resolution calling for a global moratorium on their use. Therefore, when the United Nations First Committee votes on a resolution calling for further research on this issue at the start of November, I ask that the UK supports it.

Yours sincerely,



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