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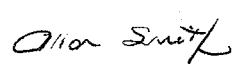
Dear Sirs,

**Overseas Aid Review**

With regard to the Overseas Aid Review being conducted by the Scrutiny Panel.

In 2004, I was among a group of local residents who signed a letter published in the Jersey Evening Post calling on the States to set a prudent timetable to increase its Aid budget to meet the target set by the United Nations of 0.7% of GNI. I would still support such a move. We are fortunate to enjoy a high standard of living and it is easy to say we have severe restrictions on our ability to increase the funds available for Overseas Aid. We should recognise we enjoy our standard of living from our finance sector, which operates the world over. We should then appreciate our responsibility to the world by assisting third world countries to a growing degree by **prudently** increasing our aid over the coming years.

Yours sincerely



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