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Message from
The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP,
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

I am delighted to welcome President Varela to the UK and reflect on our unique historical ties and our future partnership. I am especially keen to discuss how we can work together on tackling the illegal wildlife trade, bearing in mind Panama's position at the heart of global trade routes.

Britain and Panama share common values and attach particular importance to education, which President Varela has made a priority. I launched the *Platform for Girls' Education* alongside HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle during the Commonwealth Summit because the expansion of female education is one of the most effective remedies for many of the world's problems.

Next month, England and Panama will play against one another in the World Cup, so we will be on opposing sides for ninety minutes. But I foresee a stronger relationship between our two countries in the years ahead. 

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