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I welcome the Prime Minister's recognition that the suffering and starvation ongoing in Gaza is unspeakable and indefensible, has reached new depths and continues to worsen.

We are witnessing a man-made humanitarian catastrophe and many of us see the urgent need for action in the face of such horror. Desperately needed aid must be allowed to enter Gaza without delay, and at scale.

This week I have joined 221 fellow MPs in writing to the Prime Minister to support the recognition of a Palestinian state in advance of the UN Conference on the matter next week and will be writing to the Foreign Secretary to express my grave concerns over the starvation, reproductive violence and devastation of healthcare systems.

There is no serious legal doubt that targeting food and medical aid, healthcare and maternity services is a breach of international law and may well constitute war crimes. As a doctor I urge government colleagues to support the proper investigation of any such potential breaches of international law.

I continue to listen and learn from the international community, the voices of aid and humanitarian organisations and the views of my constituents, raising your concerns and questions with ministers.

We must continue to take all action available to us in the face of such horrific suffering.

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