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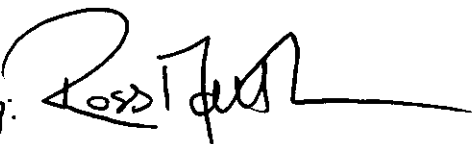
Since becoming British High Commissioner to Cameroon in March 2006 it has been my pleasure to have supported the work of the Last Great Ape Organisation (LAGA) in Cameroon.

The UK Government has funded LAGA since 2005 with the aim of creating a deterrent against wildlife crime in Cameroon. Despite existing legislation there had been no wildlife crime prosecutions in Cameroon prior to LAGA's engagement. Now, as a direct result of LAGA's efforts, there is an average of at least one prosecution per week.

LAGA's success in creating a deterrent to wildlife crime by enforcing existing legislation in close collaboration with the Government of Cameroon and publicising subsequent prosecutions, is a model which should be replicated in the sub-region and the world at large.

Such achievements would not have been possible without the outstanding leadership of Ofir Drori. His courage, determination and belief in his work has allowed him to overcome many challenges and setbacks. Consequently, he has succeeded in inspiring a small team of dedicated workers to ensure LAGA's continued success.

LAGA, and Ofir Drori in particular, have my utmost support, and I encourage your collaboration with their efforts.

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