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Balfour Dinner – Monday 9th November

Boycotts

- The UK-Israel relationship is the best it has ever been and it's only going to get better.
- The Conservative Government has committed itself to this.
- Now, I'm aware that many of you have read recent reports about calls from within the UK for boycotts of Israel.
- Let me be clear, a Conservative Government will never support boycotts of Israel.
- The Prime Minister has been unequivocal: "Britain opposes boycotts; whether it is trade unions campaigning for the exclusion of Israelis of universities trying to stifle academic exchange...Delegitimising the State of Israel is wrong. It is abhorrent and together we will defeat it".
- These are not empty promises. Just last month, the British Government announced new rules to curtail left-wing councils in the UK adopting politically-motivated anti-Israel boycott and divestment campaigns.
- I promise a warm embrace for any Israeli that wants to visit London. I want Israelis to live, study, open companies, and succeed in London. With more scheduled flights than ever, there's no excuse!