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It gives me the greatest pleasure to congratulate the Ghana-U.K. Based Achievement Awards (GUBA) on celebrating their tenth anniversary. During the past decade, GUBA has recognised and highlighted the remarkable contribution that British Ghanaians in particular, and the African Diaspora as a whole, has made to our economy and to our society.

Ghana is an indispensable member of the Commonwealth and a vital partner for the United Kingdom. The close bonds between our countries are kept strong by the myriad connections between our people – connections which GUBA has worked tirelessly to champion and to grow. I was delighted, therefore, to have the opportunity, last year, to return to Ghana after a number of years, and to be reminded, once again, of just how much the United Kingdom and Ghana can achieve together. It gave my wife and myself immense pleasure to play our part in renewing that relationship for future generations and I can only hope that we might have made some small contribution to helping all of you with the vital work that you do for the benefit of both our countries.

As you mark this special celebration, I can only thank you for everything you have done over the past decade and send you my warmest good wishes for the future.