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Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP  
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Dear Philip

Earlier today I briefly mentioned my concern about the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) website, which offers advice on safety and security for people travelling to any country in the world.

It quite rightly warns of the specific risks to women and gay travellers in particular countries where, unfortunately, physical or sexual attacks are much more common than in the UK.

You will be well aware that during New Year's Eve celebrations in Germany, hundreds of sexual attacks were carried out against women and girls walking in public places by large organised groups of young men. These attacks were of a nature and scale that has never before been seen in Europe. Sadly, elected officials and police officers are quoted as saying they cannot guarantee the safety of women in cities like Cologne.

The FCO website already contains warnings about the specific dangers confronting female and gay travellers in other parts of the world, especially the Middle East.

As large numbers of people from across the continent, including Britain, will visit Europe for the pre-Lent carnival season (Fasching), I believe the government should consider placing similar warnings on the website for single women who may wish to travel to certain cities in Germany.

Yours ever

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