

# **Letters** to the Editor

## **Overseas aid will build more stable and prosperous future**

**YOUR PAPER** demonstrates that election campaigns are already 'hotting up' with many domestic issues coming to the fore. We do, however, also need to remember that national welfare depends just as much on how we get along with other countries.

Today's challenges are often cross-border problems. We see this in the Ebola crisis and in global warming. Our security and prosperity depend upon working with other countries in international organisations such as the United Nations. Our welfare is closely entwined with wider responsibilities.

In this respect it is a matter of far greater pride

that Britain is the first G7 country to reach the UN target of spending 0.7% of national income on overseas aid. In this way we help to build a more stable and prosperous future for all. The reality of life today is that we are all global citizens as well as residents of the UK.

In the months to come the countries of the world will be coming together to adopt global goals for ending poverty and promoting sustainable development for all. We need a government ready not only to play its part but ready to lead the way.

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