AFGHANISTAN NEEDS FOOD NOT BOMBS **PAUSE THE WAR**

Dear Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development

According to Christian Aid, there is now very little time in which to stockpile 70,000 tonnes of food in areas of Afghanistan that will be cut off by the snows in mid-November. But truck drivers refuse to take food to the vital areas - because they are afraid of the bombing. Oxfam, Christian Aid, CAFOD and other major aid agencies operating in Afghanistan - and Mary Robinson, the UN Human Rights Commissioner - have called for a **pause in the bombing** to allow a massive aid effort. Otherwise, they warn, there will be a massive famine in which **thousands if not hundreds of thousands of lives will be lost**.

You have dismissed the call for a pause in the bombing as 'emotion'. Shamefully, you have accused the aid agencies of being self-seeking 'spin doctors', of just wanting to 'raise money in their own countries'.

We want you to support the aid agencies, to call for a pause in the bombing - or to resign. Now.

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