## <u>Press release: Change of Her Majesty's</u> <u>Ambassador to Somalia: February 2019</u>



Mr Ben Fender OBE has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Full name: Benjamin James Fender

2016 to 2019 FCO, Head, Security Policy Department

2015 to 2016 Tehran, Chargé then Deputy Head of Mission

2015 FCO, Deputy Head, Iran Department

2014 to 2015 Freetown, Deputy Head, UK Ebola Response

2012 to 2014 Kabul, Counsellor (Political)

2008 to 2011 Paris, First Secretary (Political/Military)

2007 to 2008 Seconded to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2003 to 2007 FCO, Head, Iran team

1999 to 2003 Beijing, Second then First Secretary (Political)

1997 to 1999 FCO, Language training (Chinese)

1996 to 1997 FCO, Desk Officer for Palestine, Arab/Israel team

## Further information

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