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Sovereign Global (SG) is a service support company to Sovereign Nation states, providing programme management, training, and non-lethal procurement solutions in often complex environments, assisting our clients in projecting and maintaining their Sovereign interests on Land, Sea and in the Air. SG has approx. 300 employees/Crew, with offices in 8 countries and expanding. SG's land services are provided in conjunction with the United Nations' Peace Keeping Operations (UNPKO) requirements across Africa in raising peace keeping standards primarily. At sea SG supports the Djibouti Government in providing a Government regulated floating armoury operation in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean in support of the on-going anti-piracy mission, and Coast Guard support programme in West Africa.

As a former Cavalry officer Tom's career in the private security sector has seen him as part of the ODA's (Olympic Delivery Authority) "Intelligent client" team in CLM (CH2M Hill, Lang O'Rourke and Mace) for the largest peacetime security event in the UK, as the commercial security account director on the London 2012 Olympic Park and Village delivery team for 2 years. Experiences beyond this cover major Government procurement programme work (DE&S, Thames Tideway Tunnel) and have subsequently enabled SG UK to secure a place on the Governments CSSF Framework for all three lots as a Prime Contractor.

SCEG holds an extremely valid and essential role in ensuring the demands and practical challenges of this service industry are accurately represented across Whitehall and ministerial engagement gets a representative view on the practicalities of the work SCEG members undertake in complex environments. My wish is to extend this beyond just basic security services into a wider service support sector in order to better support the current Governments prosperity agenda overseas.

Tom hopes his contribution, will provide support to the SCEG membership in more external engagement with both Governments and the end-users of SCEG member's services. This will better inform the marketplace on how regulation and compliance is steadily increasing industry standards and accountability. It is extremely important for SCEG's voice to be expressed and heard within the UN and USA as the leading trade body for Private Security/Services Sector and provide representation and engagement to continue and build upon its notable successes in regulation of the sector to date.