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Dear Annette and Emily,

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has been made aware of delays being faced by university students seeking visas to study in Spain. We have raised this issue with the Spanish authorities. At present, the Spanish Consulate is dealing with a considerable increase in the number of visa applications, but is prioritizing applications from British students travelling to Spain for educational purposes.

The Spanish Government have advised that when making a visa application, students should check carefully that they have all the required documents in an appropriate format, to avoid having to reapply. Please see the [Spanish Consulate's website](#) for information, including details of the [student visa process and requirements](#) (English version from page 6).

The Spanish Government has also suggested that universities may wish to centralise visa applications and submit a block application on behalf of their students in order to make the process easier for applicants and avoid document issues. Should a university consider getting directly involved in this matter, the [Spanish Consulate in the UK](#) would be happy to assist.

Finally, please be aware that an internship visa may be required to undertake certain activities in Spain. Please see the [Spanish Consulate's website](#) for information, including details of [internship visa process and requirements](#) (English version from page 3).

The UK Government will continue monitor the situation and engage with the Spanish Government on this issue. In the meantime, you may wish to share this letter with your Members to assist them in supporting their students.

Yours sincerely

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