**Hyderabad: Dinner reception**

* Great to see you all here at the end of what has been an incredible year for UK/Indian relations:
* Gandhi statue
* Modi visit – 60,000 people at Wembley
* Ever-stronger business links between our nations
* Looking forward to greater collaboration between the UK and Hyderabad and Telangana in 2016:
* In business
  + In education
  + In culture
* Hyderabad turning into a hub for ICT, biotech, design and engineering – areas the UK has a long history in.
* And we’re already at the cutting edge of the industries that will be crucial to Hyderabad and Telangana in the future:
* Smart cities
* Aerospace
* Life sciences
* Education
* Construction
* Potential for UK and India to work together in so many areas in the years to come, tackling challenges as diverse as defence and climate change.
* The UK has a special relationship with India: a shared history and an exciting future.
* We are already the largest G20 investor in India, and the UK admits more students from India than almost any other country.
* I hope events like tonight will help us to build even stronger ties, both business and cultural.