

## Gordon Brown - 0.7% for aid to be law

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From Brown's speech:

*"And let me say what was once an aspiration — 0.7% of national income spent on international development aid, has become with Labour a promise, and will in future become a law. We will pass legislation that the British government is obliged to raise spending on aid to the poorest countries to 0.7% of our national income. Others may break their promises to the poorest, with Labour Britain never will."*

That's good news.

No doubt the Tories will categorise the Afghan war as aid if they can. So the definition clause in the new law had better be good.