

David Cameron proves he is corruption's friend, not its...

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As the [Guardian](#) reported last night:

Britain will not make fresh demands of its overseas territories to end tax secrecy at an upcoming anti-corruption summit, the minister for the territories has confirmed.

Let me be honest: in my opinion that makes David Cameron wholly unsuited to the task of heading an international conference on corruption next month.

By making this announcement his government has confirmed it is the defender of secrecy jurisdictions and, because of the special relationship these places have with the UK, it has become the de facto promoter of the harm they cause to tax revenues, to developing countries, to fair competition, to markets and to democracy.

To not overstate the case David Cameron will be the problem this conference will have to address.

David Cameron is corruption's friend, not its enemy.

I am deeply disappointed.