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NOTE

The next few months are critical for foreign policy. Iraq in particular.  
The strategy and sequencing of various visits and meetings is difficult.

The basic elements of our approach will be:

(1) On Iraq, there are two elements:

a) a new Iraq compact in which:

- Iraqis come together to support a non-sectarian future;
- MAS dissociates himself from JAM and Maliki agrees to go after JAM
- there is better Iraqi governance and especially in the disbursement of money
- the Iraqis re-affirm our presence whilst they need it
- all of this is in the UN Resolution rolled over

b) We make explicit a broader Middle East strategy in which we put Iraq in the context of a changing, modernising Middle East where everywhere, including Palestine and Lebanon, we are trying to solve outstanding issues.

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