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SUBJECT: IRAQ: ADVICE TO FS FOLLOWING ROBERT DAVIES PAPER ON IPS

1. The Secretary of State asked for advice on the points raised by Robert Davies the Senior UK police Adviser in the Iraqi Ministry of Interior, whom he met during last month's visit to Baghdad. As you know, Robert Davies was appointed by the FCO and took up his appointment on 20 September. He is in daily contact with the Iraq Directorate on policing in Iraq so all his ideas have been worked into our planning. This minute explains next steps.
2. Building up the capability of the Iraqi Police Service (IPS) as the leading civilian component of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) underpins progress towards Iraqi-isation and strategic handover. Current manning of the IPS stands at some 90,000 of which 41% are described as trained equipped and capable. The approved increase to 135,000 officers will see some 56% and trained and equipped by Jul 05 with basic training complete by May 06. However, the emphasis is now on quality and not quantity and measures are being taken to address the most significant problems, the dysfunctional Ministry of Interior and equipment shortages.
 - *Ministry of Interior.* A £2 million GCPP funded project to address the failings of the MOI has been agreed. Phase 1 comprising Defence Advisory Team personnel and a

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consultant deployed on 19 October to carry out an initial scoping visit on assistance. Concurrently, a Joint Force HQ military scoping visit has identified Senior IPS officers to participate in training on Command and Control techniques. An initial draft of a national policing strategy has been submitted to the MOI and is currently under review. Once finalised, the strategy will form the basis for dissemination across all provinces.

- *Equipment shortages.* The speed of US funded equipment to the ISF within MND SE and in particular IPS is slower than had been anticipated. Consequently a UK GCPP funded bid for £2.5 million to provide equipment to the ISF in MND SE has been agreed. MOD has just informed Parliament and we expect the equipment to arrive in early December.
 - *Training in specialist areas.* As the number of IPS undergoing basic training increases, further specialist areas of training are being identified, namely hostage and kidnapping requirements and forensic/ phase 1 investigation. The Germans in the UAE have delivered initial forensic training. We are looking for additional sources of funding for this, given strains on the GCPP budget informed. We will keep Ministers informed. .
 - *Intelligence gathering capability of IPS.* Provision of intelligence gathering software is underway. However, a substantial amount of work remains to be done in relation to infrastructure and installation across Iraq to provide criminal intelligence services at both National and Governorate level, including training of intelligence officers.
3. We will continue to support the IPS with the training and mentoring of IPS Senior Officers. Chief Constable Paul Kernaghan of ACPO has recently confirmed his willingness to support a continuing UK civilian police presence in Iraq and at the Jordan International Police Training Academy. The Home Office and ACPO are in the process of refreshing the UK's civil policing requirements with UK police forces.