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### IRAQ: 0830 MINISTERIAL MEETING

You have called the first daily 0830 ministerial meeting on Iraq today. You have invited John Prescott, John Reid, Gordon, Jack, Geoff, Clare, David, plus CDS, C, John Scarlett, Desmond Bowen and No10 officials. As this is a large group, we shall have to see in a couple of days whether it is practicable or whether we shall need a smaller group instead or as well.

There will be a standard agenda each day, distributed by the Cabinet Office, attached (along with their update of key events which they will prepare each evening) . We shall do you a short note of specific points to cover each day.

#### 1. Intelligence update.

You should ask John Scarlett for a two minute update.

#### 2. Military situation.

You should not get into the timelines with this large group. The key point for you to be aware of is that on current plans (which may well change) you will need to make a TV address on Friday afternoon, after returning from Brussels.

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You should ask Geoff and CDS for a short update. You will need to press them, yet again, on Turkey/the north, and on Baghdad. Their written advice, attached, does not fill us with confidence.

You had been due to see Geoff and CDS briefly yesterday

There is no need to do this as you have already approved the plan, but if you want a further briefing before it is too late, it will need to be this morning. David will brief you separately.

### 3. International developments.

You should ask Jack and Clare to intervene. Clare is going to New York to see Kofi today. Jack is not going to the UN Security Council meeting (Fischer, Villepin, Ivanov are, but not the Chinese) to discuss Blix's work programme under UNSCR 1284.

You also need to look ahead to the European Council starting tomorrow. You are calling Bush and Simitis later this afternoon.

### 4. Humanitarian and reconstruction.

You should ask Clare to intervene. She is going to New York today.

### 5. Media.

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Nothing we know of. David should be given the chance to raise any domestic issues.

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