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IRAQ: COALITION-BUILDING FOR PHASE IV

1. Thank you for your minute (DG Op Pol/4/6/1/1) of 26 March.
2. The Secretary of State agrees that, given the likely scale of the Phase IV task, there are good practical as well as political reasons to engage early with potential partners. For that reason, following discussion with PUS, he wrote yesterday to the Defence Ministers of the likely "most willing" countries. He is content with the approach set out in the paper attached to your minute and summarised in paragraphs 5-7 of it.

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