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Foreign Secretary

UK POLICE ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQ

As I have said to the Prime Minister, now that the conflict with Iraq is drawing to a close, I would like to confirm my commitment to the rehabilitation of Iraq, and in particular to the principle of the provision of UK policing assistance as soon as practicable.

2 I am pleased to say that Paul Kernaghan, Chief Constable of Hampshire and ACPO's International Affairs portfolio holder has agreed to lead for the police service. We stand ready and willing to engage with you in working towards identifying civilian policing requirements in Iraq, and how they might best be met. I know that you will wish to involve Paul Kernaghan fully in the scoping and planning work.

3 I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and Geoff Hoon.

Best wishes.

David

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