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## IRAQ: MILITARY CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

1. Mr O'Brien has seen Edward Chaplin's note to you of 4 February which covered a draft minute from the Foreign Secretary to the Prime Minister on the UK military campaign objectives.
2. Mr O'Brien thinks that the basis for regime change needs to be part of the WMD objective, not set out separately. It is not possible to secure long-term disarmament without regime change. We will have concluded that if we use force.
3. Mr O'Brien suggests the following amendment to paragraph 4 of the objectives which he believes should satisfy the Americans but stop short of making regime change an explicit element of the UK objectives:

"The UK's overall objective for the military campaign is to create the conditions in which Iraq disarms in accordance with its obligations under UNSCRs and creates the circumstances in which Iraq remains dsarmed in the long-term."

4. For para 4 (b), Mr O'Brien suggests a similar amendment:

"Deny the Iraqi regime the use of weapons of mass destruction, now and in the future."

PS/Mr O'Brien

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