

FROM: Suma Chakrabarti  
DATE: 12 March 2003

cc Nicola Brewer  
Carolyn Miller  
Alastair Fernie

Secretary of State (Clare Short)

**CABINET, 13 MARCH 2003: IRAQ**

I recommend you focus your intervention on Iraq in Cabinet tomorrow on the need for a proper decision-making process. This is important both in substance and, I should have thought (although this is not for me to judge), for the politics. Under that heading there are two key points to make:

- Cabinet needs to discuss now the legal opinion of the Attorney General and how to make it public. This is vital for Ministers, our armed services and the civil service;
- As soon as we are clear on the Second Resolution (whether it fails to get the necessary votes or is not put to a vote), Cabinet should meet again for a discussion on the politics and to put a proposition to Parliament for immediate debate.

2. I attach my letter to Andrew Turnbull as an aide-memoire. You are up to speed on our humanitarian planning and funding issues.



Suma Chakrabarti