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IRAQ: PM's note of 3 March, with MR comments in italics

1. Demand:

- That by 17th March he disclose documentation and proof of destruction, or product, in respect of leftovers.

[See Nick's separate note on the left-overs and Blix's new "clusters document". This should be the basis for any benchmarks.]

- That the following Iraqi scientists be presented for interview out of Iraq with families identified and safety guaranteed (20 best).

[We have our own list of the 20 best. There are 3,500 scientists on UNMOVIC's list, of whom nearly 500 were provided by the Iraqis. There have been a grand total of 3 private interviews so far by UNMOVIC.]

- If he fails then he has until 21st March to leave; amnesty guaranteed.

[We are right to push this, but there are two big issues we need to resolve: (a) where does Saddam go? And (b) what is the judicial basis for the amnesty?]

2. Declaration by the nine/ten (Canada endorse).

[The purpose is that such a display of reasonableness will help with domestic and international opinion. But it will be a hard sell, starting with the US. We shall need to ensure that it gives us back more than the negotiating capital we will use to secure it. They will argue that if we can get 9 SC members to agree on this, wouldn't it be better to go straight to a vote on the resolution, and pursue other points from the declaration after the vote?]

We need to consider whether we try to get all other UNSC members to support. They will certainly hear about it. At the very least, we should aim for UK, US, Spain, Bulgaria, Pakistan, 3 Africans, 2 Latin Americans, ie 10]

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3. Launch on 7 March following Blix: launch in Chile; Mexico.

[On location, a launch in Chile would be ideal. We will need their buy-in to make this work. To organise a launch there, we would need to know early enough in advance to allow someone to go there to launch it. If this works, would you be prepared to do so?]

On timing, we need to avoid this looking as if we are only launching it because Blix has not given us what we need to get our resolution through. So we need at least to trail this before 7 March.]

4. Try to persuade Russia.

[Yes. You are seeing Foreign Minister Ivanov tomorrow, and will have to call Putin later this week.]

5. Week of 10th, bring out defector.

[Don't pin our hopes on this.]

6. Agree:

- UN role in post-conflict Iraq
- broad based Government
- humanitarian effort.

[Yes. This should be separate from the declaration/resolution. We have already begun work on a so-called third resolution giving the necessary UN authority for post-conflict work. We can tell people we are doing this, but we don't want to complicate the second resolution by adding this into it.]

7. Make a last plea to France not to veto but to help.

[Yes. You will need to call Chirac. No point in doing so yet.]

8. Publication of analysis of Saddam's deception alongside 7 March declaration.

[Yes.]

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