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**IRAQ**

You attended a meeting yesterday chaired by Tom McKane to discuss progress with the draft public documents on weapons inspections and human rights abuses. This records the main points.

2. The group was generally content with the revised **Inspections Paper**. However, following the minor amendments discussed, we agreed that:

- CIC would see if the maps of sites of Iraqi WMD activity (Annex A) could be easily integrated into the main text. The BW and CW maps could be combined;
- NPD, CIC and DIS would liase over the question of Presidential sites (Annex B). DIS would see what commercial imagery of the sites was available and check its copyright status. NPD would see how it could be used with maps of the original UNSCOM and later UN-agreed lists of Presidential sites. CIC would advise on presentation. The combined illustration(s) should also be integrated into the text if possible;
- Annex C giving further detail of the harassment of weapons inspectors would be dropped from the paper but retained for separate use;
- the text on Iraqi concealment of WMD from UNSCOM should be boxed;
- the BW sites material should be in the main text rather than in a box; and
- the box detailing the affects of BW and CW should be dropped as this was already covered in the WMD paper.

3. The group was also generally content with the **Human Rights Abuses Paper**. This was the right length and individual sections were sufficiently detailed to stand alone if necessary. Following minor amendments, we agreed that:

- CIC and MED would read accounts of torture closely for credibility. All accounts of abuse should be sourced. We should list sources at the end of the paper;

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- MED should continue to chase the Kuwaitis for accounts of the 1991 invasion. CIC and MED should examine the scope for coupling these accounts with available photographic evidence;
- DIS should continue to pursue the copyright of photographs of Iraqi leaders; and
- we should not conclude the paper with the boxes on the Anfal campaign. These should be integrated earlier into the main text.

4. CIC in liaison with FCO and the Assessments Staff should check the consistency of spelling, layout, etc. in all three papers. They will also draft a covering note to be circulated in advance of the next meeting. On completion of the papers, a media strategy for their launch will need to be worked up. This could include briefing the UN, UNMOVIC, IAEA and Security Council members directly.

5. The human rights and inspections papers should be finalised and circulated before our next meeting at **0930 on Wednesday 29 May** when we will discuss these and the WMD paper. **Assessment Staff, FCO and CIC to liaise with OD.** I am copying this to David Manning, John Scarlett, Julian Miller, Jim Drummond, Jane Hamilton-Eddy and here; John Andrews and (DIS); Charles Gray, Amanda Tanfield and MED, James Paver, News Dept, Tim Dowse, NPD, and , Islamic Media Unit, FCO; Jim Poston and Paul Hamill, CIC; and and (Box 850).



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