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IRAQ - PHASE 5

1. Now we have moved firmly into the post conflict phase, I thought it would be helpful to do some further thinking on the sort of longer-term political and economic structures we envisage for Iraq. Of course, we have been clear throughout that decisions on Iraq's future government should be left to the people of Iraq. But we will have a degree of influence over the ultimate outcome and need to have the clearest view we can - despite the difficulties - about what we think will work and what will not.
2. I attach a DSI/Research Analysts paper written by _____ and Martin Hetherington which analyses the issues, summarises the main challenges and reaches preliminary conclusions. You will find the conclusions at paragraph 26. The paper aims to provide a starting point for more detailed work and to provoke discussion more widely. If the Foreign Secretary agrees, I propose that it is circulated to the Ministerial group on Iraqi reconstruction.
3. I am also copying this paper to David Manning, Simon Webb in MoD and Nicola Brewer in DfID.

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