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APPLICATION TO ACCEPT AN OUTSIDE APPOINTMENT

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has been asked to consider an application from Michael Anderson, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time, paid appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF). Mr Anderson is due to leave Crown service on 31 August 2013 and he hopes to take up his new role on 1 September 2013.

The Committee noted that CIFF is a philanthropic charity, whose mission is to improve the lives of children living in poverty in developing countries. The Committee took into account that his appointment is likely to include contact/dealings with your former Department/Government more generally. CIFF and DFID have common and shared objectives in contributing to the reduction of child poverty and improving child health in developing countries. They are collaborating along with others in an initiative to reduce malnutrition, which was launched at a public event on 8 June 2013. The Committee noted that he recused himself from any decision-making or involvement in the organisation of the conference. The Committee took into account that, if this first venture is successful, then CIFF and DFID may collaborate on future joint-funding partnerships.

The Committee noted that CIFF does not receive funding from DFID. Furthermore, CIFF does not engage in lobbying Ministers or officials on UK Government policy (beyond seeking agreement

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for arrangements on venues, common monitoring frameworks and other joint activities). The Committee took into account Mr Anderson's comments that direct lobbying of UK ministers on UK Government policy is unlikely in his proposed role, given CIFF's objectives and the scope of its work.

The Committee noted that Mr Anderson has had official dealings with your prospective employer. In 2010 and 2011, he met staff at CIFF on three occasions to share information on DFID's programming in child health and to learn about CIFF's programming in the same area. In early 2012, he participated in an early discussion with CIFF about possible collaboration in co-funding work on reducing child malnutrition. In January 2013, he appeared at a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos with a representative of CIFF.

The Committee took into account that he has not had direct contractual dealings with his prospective employer during his last two years of service and he has not been responsible for people who have had such dealings. He has not had access to any commercially sensitive information about any competitors of his prospective employer. Furthermore, he has not been involved in the development or administration of any policy or decisions (including regulatory work or the award of grants) that could have affected his prospective employer or its competitors.

The Committee noted that his last working day in DFID will be 31 July 2013 and he will, therefore, have a one month break before starting with CIFF. The Committee also noted that both Mr Anderson and DFID are ensuring that he has no contact with his new employer pending taking up this new role.

In relation to the lobbying ban that the Committee usually applies to appointments, the Committee noted that there are strong public interest grounds in simply preventing him from lobbying the UK Government on matters not related to work that forms part of CIFF's core business (so that he is prevented from lobbying Government on any other issues that are raised with him by, for example, private sector partners although it will allow you to lobby Government for changes that will benefit children who live in poverty).

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's recommendation that his application be approved subject to the following conditions:

- he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
- for two years from his last day in office, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of his new employer, its parent company or its clients on any matters not related to CIFF's core business.

*Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government (including Ministers, special advisers and officials) with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted.

I should be grateful if Michael Anderson would ensure that we are informed as soon as he takes up this appointment, or, if earlier, when it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for convenience). We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release

information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether he had complied with the Rules. Similarly, I should be grateful if he would inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with the ClIFF, as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish details of this letter on the Committee's website at <http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>, and include the main details of the appointment, together with the Advisory Committee's advice on it and the date on which it was taken up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

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