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Sir Suma Chakrabarti

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Sir Suma Chakrabarti, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time appointment as President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) when he leaves the Civil Service on 1 July 2012.

The Committee noted that Sir Suma had no official contact with EBRD while Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice and that he had only limited contact while he was Permanent Secretary at DFID over four years ago. It also noted that Sir Suma was nominated for the position by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and was subsequently elected by the shareholding nations. Having received assurances that the public interest was best served by Sir Suma being able to take up the role immediately, the Committee judged that no questions of propriety or public concern arose from the appointment and that therefore the standard three month waiting period could be waived.

The Committee recommended to the Prime Minister that, noting with concern that the appointment was announced before it could provide its advice, the application be approved on the condition that for two years from his last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying Ministry of Justice Ministers or officials, including Special Advisers, on behalf of his new employer. Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with the Ministry of Justice- 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.

The Prime Minister accepted this advice.

As the appointment has already been announced, I shall arrange for the main details of the

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application, together with the Advisory Committee's advice to be published in the regularly updated consolidated list on the Committee's website. A copy of this letter will also be published.

I should be grateful if you would ask that Sir Suma inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with EBRD as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Geraldine Alexander

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