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Sir Dominic Asquith

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INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY - COMMISSION WITH LIBYA HOLDINGS GROUP

The Committee has considered your request to accept a commission with Libya Holdings Group.

The Committee noted that the commission with Libya Holdings Group will entail working one day per month, providing advice on Middle East operations. The Committee took into account that the commission would involve minimal contact with the UK Government posts in the Middle East region through sharing analysis and contacts.

When considering this application, the Committee noted that you had not had any official contact with your prospective employer while in post. Furthermore, you had not been involved in the development or administration of any policy relating to them and had not had access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors.

The Committee noted that the usual six month moratorium on Ambassadors having business dealings with the country of their last posting had already expired.

The Committee therefore agrees that the commission is permissible within the terms of your independent consultancy and can be accepted as soon as you wish.

I would be grateful if you could let me know when you take up the commission, or if it is announced that you are to do so. This will enable the Committee to publish brief details on the regularly updated consolidated list on its website and in its next annual report. This letter may also be published (with relevant redactions of personal information).

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Yours sincerely,

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