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Sent: 16 April 2009 08:39
To: Charles Lonsdale
Cc: Carolyn Browne
Subject: Additional lines needed for CF evidence session briefing

This looks fine to me.

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From: Charles Lonsdale
Sent: 15 April 2009 12:03
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Charles

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 April 2009 10:57
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For comment.

Q and A

The UK Government supports the idea of a truth and reconciliation process between Turkey and Armenia over the issue of the Armenian "genocide". This process needs to be owned by the parties directly concerned and ought not to be undermined by outside parties making pre-emptive judgements on the possible outcome of this process.

The UK Government supports the normalisation of relations between Turkey and Armenia. This will need to address a range of outstanding issues, including historical events. The process needs to be owned by the parties directly concerned. While we acknowledge and regret the terrible suffering that afflicted the Ottoman Armenian population early in the past century, we do not think it would be helpful for us as a Government to take a formal position on these historical events.

Background

Over the last nine months Turkey and Armenia have taken steps towards normalising their troubled relations, restored briefly in 1991 after the end of the Soviet Union but broken off by Turkey in 1993 in response to the war between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This could lead to the restoration of diplomatic relations and even the reopening of the land border this year. [redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 April 2009 19:39

To: [redacted]

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[redacted] has suggested that a line should be added on "genocide" under the Effect of Turkish/ Armenian rapproachment on NK. He has also highlighted that there should be a sentence included in the background on Turkey/ Armenia (see pages 18 &19 of the briefing).

As I have now submitted the brief could you please send them directly to [redacted]