

# ACMD

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Minister for Crime Prevention  
2 Marsham Street  
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Dear Minister,

### **Re: Review of the harms of khat**

Thank you for your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in which you request the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) to review the available evidence on khat, updating its assessment of 2005 and provide advice in relation to control under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and a wider response.

The ACMD would be pleased to accede to your request and will discuss its approach to the review and timelines at its forthcoming meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010. The Home Office commissioned studies - concerned with the perceptions of social harms associated with khat use and a literature review on the social harms associated with khat and the impact of legislation - will form part of the ACMD's considerations.

I look forward to providing you with more detail as our planning for the review develops.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Les Iversen FRS**

Cc: Home Secretary