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INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY – NEW COMMISSION

The Committee has considered your request to accept a commission with the Government of the UAE.

The Committee noted that you had some interaction with senior UAE government figures and military leaders as part of your routine duties as the Chief of Defence Staff, but none that were obviously of a commercial nature. The Committee considered the fact that your role will involve providing generic advice on geo-strategy and associated military strategic issues, in line with your consultancy, which has been set up to offer geo-strategic advice to foreign governments and to companies and organisations working abroad, focusing on the principles and processes that can form the basis of national strategies.

The Committee therefore agrees that this commission is permissible within the terms of your independent consultancy.

The conditions that apply to your independent consultancy are:

- for two years from your last day of service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of any of your clients;
- you should not draw on privileged information available to you from your time in Crown service;
- for twelve months from your last day of service you should not undertake any work as a consultant which involves providing advice to any company or organisation on the terms of a bid or contract relating directly to the work of the MOD or UK Armed Forces; and

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- for two years from your last day of service, before accepting any new commission you should make a case directly to the Committee to confirm that each individual commission you wish to undertake would be permissible under the approved terms of the consultancy. (If, after enquiry, the Committee takes the view that a commission is, or may be, outside the terms of the consultancy, you will be expected to submit a fresh application).

I would be grateful if you could let me know when you take up this 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).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Millington".

Catherine Millington
Committee Secretariat

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