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Sent: 20 February 2014 15:43
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jonathan Aves; [redacted]
Subject: UK CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMBRANCE ALLIANCE

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Thank you for this and many apologies for the long delay in replying. I agree an early discussion would be helpful.

I have attached our November 2013 submission on genocide recognition of the Armenian massacres and our stance on centenary commemoration events in 2015. This includes our public lines. The Minister for Europe agreed the recommendation. He thought this was a sensible approach
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This email chain includes Ankara:[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 04 February 2014 12:48
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jonathan Aves; [redacted]
Subject: RE: UK CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMBRANCE ALLIANCE

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Thank you for passing on Jonathan Aves' comments. We do indeed need an early discussion (does the above email address list include Ankara?)

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From: Jonathan Aves (Restricted)
Sent: 31 January 2014 04:46
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: UK CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMBRANCE ALLIANCE [DIPTTEL 1400755]

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You should be aware that April 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian massacres in the last days of the Ottoman Empire. Over the next year there will be a major international campaign to secure recognition by the UK, and other governments such [redacted] those massacres as a genocide. For Armenians, there are clear parallels between the Holocaust and their treatment by the Ottoman Government. They sometimes repeat words which were attributed to Hitler on the eve of the invasion of Poland that: "Who, after all, speaks to-day of the annihilation of the Armenians?".

We have clear lines setting out the British Government view on why we don't recognise the massacres as a genocide and on how we are seeking to promote understanding and reconciliation between Armenia and Turkey. But because of its stance on the Armenian massacres, it is possible

that Britain will be criticised for double standards as it seeks to carry out its role as Chair of the IHRA especially in the coming year and **[redacted]** can supply you with our current lines. **[redacted]**

Jonathan Aves