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PEACE AND PROSPERITY [REDACTED]

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Foreign & Commonwealth Office Diplomatic Telegram

Defence cooperation

The visit was an opportunity for the Embassy, with UKTI DSO support, [Redacted] on defence and security exports. A core part of this is naval engagement, and the visiting HMS Portland gave a spectacular setting for an evening reception for senior members of the Colombian navy and defence ministry. In a brief meeting [REDACTED] the Minister highlighted a proposal by BAE systems to supply Ocean Patrol Vessels to the Colombian navy. The Embassy’s UKTI team will follow this up in a regional offshore patrol vehicle fair starting on 1 July.

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DRAFT VISIT PROGRAMME

Rt. Hon Hugo Swire MP

Costa Rica, Guatemala and Colombia 22 – 27 June

DELEGATION

Name	Position / Organisation	Details
Rt. Hon Hugo Swire MP	Minister of State for Latin America	
██████████	Assistant Private Secretary	

• **PROGRAMME**

DATE / TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
THURSDAY	26 JUNE 2014	
17.29	Arrive Cartagena.	20 minute drive from airport to hotel
21.00	Dinner at restaurant in the historic walled city with representatives from BAE Systems and the Colombian Navy. ██████████	Walk to restaurant through historic old city.