

Digest for FOI on UK/Cuba IPPA

Document Type	Subject	Date	To	From	Relevant remarks included
Briefing	Meeting between the Mr Heathcoat-Amory, Minister of State for Europe at the FCO, and Baroness Young on Cuba	7 July 1993	FCO	FCO	In the points to make section: <i>'- (if raised) We and DTI are currently considering the possibility of an IPPA agreement with Cuba.'</i> In the background: <i>'<u>Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA)</u> 3. In order to encourage foreign investment and establish business confidence, the Cubans are looking to sign IPPAs with countries likely to provide sources of investment. [Redacted].'</i>
Letter	Agenda for a Cuba briefing	13 Jan 1994	CARITAG	FCO	There is a handwritten note on the documents which says: <i>'IPPA: where does it stand?'</i>
Letter	Sir Edward Heath Lunch	28 Jan 1994	CARITAG	Zeneca	The letter requests British Government assistance to: <i>'1 – Accelerate the discussions on a IPIA agreement which would give some protection to investments.'</i>
Check list	Cuba: Check list of points for a meeting with CARITAG	31 Jan 1994	n/a	n/a	<i>'Handed over a model <u>IPPA</u> text to the Cuban authorities in August last year. [Redacted].'</i>
Letter	UK/Cuba relations and what British companies would like HMG to specifically change about their approach to Cuba	4 Feb 1994	Mr Adrian Beamish, FCO Assistant Under Secretary	CARITAG	<i>'x) Accelerate the discussion on an Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement (IPPA) which would give some protection to British investments and signal a changed relationship.'</i>

Letter	CARITAG's visit to Havana	11 April 1994	CARITAG	CARITAG	<p><i>'The IPPA 13) [Redacted]. 14) [Redacted]. 15) Donald Maclaren showed me a letter from the joint Directorate on this subject. It would seem that the official part of the delegation on our mission could usefully clarify these points so that progress can be made [Redacted].'</i></p>
Telegram	Objectives for Mr McLoughlin's, DTI Minister, visit to Cuba	April 1994	British Embassy Havana	DTI	<p><i>'To take forward the process of negotiating a bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) This will depend on the state of the negotiations at the time of the visit.'</i></p> <p>There is also a handwritten note on the documents directly under this which says:</p> <p><i>'To sign an IPPA agreement (if ready)'</i></p>
Telegram	Visit to Cuba by Tate & Lyle	April 1994	FCO	Donald Maclaren, DHM Havana	<p>A summary of the visit included the following references:</p> <p><i>'Chairman mentioned the importance of IPPA.'</i></p> <p>And</p> <p><i>'[Redacted]. He said that the signing of the UK/Cuba IPPA agreement [Redacted] would facilitate what would be a large scale project.'</i></p>
Briefing	Mr Davis, DTI Minister, meeting with CARITAG and West India Committee	23 Nov 1994	FCO	DTI	<p>In the background section:</p> <p><i>'<u>Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA)</u> 9. A bilateral IPPA with Cuba is in the final stages of being agreed. A draft IPPA text in English has been agreed and a matching Spanish text is being prepared.'</i></p>

Letter	Meeting between Mr Davis, DTI Minister, and CARITAG	8 Dec 1994	FCO	FCO	<p><i>'4. [Redacted] also reported that the Cuban Minister for Foreign Investment would like to visit the UK to sign the IPPA as soon as it was ready. [Redacted]'</i></p> <p>There is also a handwritten note on the documents which says:</p> <p><i>'I have spoken to [redacted], JEPD. Cuba still has to produce a Spanish text. When they do we can decide who sd sign, and where and when.'</i></p>
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