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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: SIR MARK LYALL GRANT KCMG

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Sir Mark Lyall Grant, former National Security Adviser.

Sir Mark proposes to give occasional speeches to corporate audiences, arranged through a non-exclusive relationship with Jeremy Lee Associates Ltd (JLA), a speakers' bureau.

He has declared that he had no official dealings with JLA or its competitors while in office.

When considering this application the Committee noted that the 3-month standard waiting period for permanent secretaries had expired. It also took into account that the Director General, Propriety and Ethics at the Cabinet Office advised that she has no concerns about this appointment.

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that, in accordance with the Government's Business Appointment Rules, this appointment be subject to the following conditions:

- that he should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of himself or the organisation to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
- for two years from his last day in Crown service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of JLA or its clients.

By 'privileged information' we mean official information to which a Minister or Crown servant has had access as a consequence of his or her office or employment and which has not been made publicly available. Applicants are also reminded that they may be subject to other duties of confidentiality, whether under the Official Secrets Act, the Civil Service Code or otherwise.

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant/Minister "*should not engage in communication with Government (Ministers, civil servants, including special advisers, and other relevant officials/public office holders) – wherever it takes place - with a view to influencing a Government decision, policy or contract award/grant in relation to their own interests or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted or with which they hold office.*"

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Sir Mark takes up this position, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose). We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about

appointments that have not been taken up or announced, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether he had complied with the rules.

I should also be grateful if you would ask that Sir Mark informs us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change the nature of his role as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website and include the main details of the application, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely

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