

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	May 2012
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(1) No actions due to be completed in May 2012.

(2) Actions due to be started by the end of May 2012:

Section	Action	Status
1.1 (i)	Work with UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) to develop its new strategy, including: plans to double trade with India; increase trade with China to USD 100 billion per annum and increase exports to USD 30 billion per annum; double trade with Kuwait to £4 billion; double trade with Qatar to £4.4 billion and increase trade with UAE to £12 billion; double trade with South Africa to £16 billion; double trade with Turkey to £18 billion (end 2015)	Work ongoing
1.3 (i) (g)	Inward visits aimed at thickening our relationships with and increasing our engagement with emerging powers in South East Asia (end 2015)	Work ongoing
1.3 (i) (h)	Prime Minister to visit Brazil to reinforce bilateral relations and develop commercial opportunities (end 2012).	Work ongoing
1.3 (iii) (a)	Deliver immediate priorities and establish strategic relationships with all six Gulf States (end 2015)	Work ongoing
1.4 (iii)	Encourage greater Commonwealth trade flows resulting in increased opportunities for UK business (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
1.5 (i)	Support concerted international diplomatic efforts to build trust, confidence and consensus on non-proliferation and disarmament through existing international framework and conventions etc (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
1.5 (iv)	Play a leading role in an internationally-agreed twin-track diplomatic approach of pressure and engagement to stop Iran obtaining a nuclear weapon (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
1.5 (v)	Play a leading role in the international nuclear and biological security effort including through leading on the information security strand of the 2012 Nuclear Security Summit in 2012 (end Jun 2012)	Work ongoing
1.6 (iv)	Provide political and financial support for the Palestinian Authority programme to build the institutions of a future Palestinian state in order to prepare for a two state solution and create a conducive environment for peace (end May 2015).	Work ongoing
1.6 (vi)	Support the process of transition to democratic government in Egypt and Tunisia, including on electoral reform and the development of political parties, and offer assistance to support the stabilisation of the Egyptian and Tunisian economies (end Jun 2012).	Work ongoing
1.6 (vii)	Play a leading role in the development of a peaceful and more democratic Libya within existing international borders, including by working to ensure full implementation of all relevant UN Security Council resolutions and other international commitments (end Dec 2012).	Work ongoing
1.7 (vi)	Engage with US, Canada, Japan, African Union and Australia on national and global security risks of climate change, working with MOD and DECC (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
1.7 (vii)	Accelerate the global transition to a low carbon climate resilient economy, working with	Work

	EU institutions and partners (end May 2015)	ongoing
1.9 (ii)	Contribute to the early expansion of the UN Security Council (end Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
2.1 (ii)	Work with international partners and the Afghan Government on the transition of security from ISAF to Afghan security forces by the end of 2014. Attend NATO Summit and commit to a way forward on transition, with the first phase beginning in early 2011 (end Dec 2014)	Work ongoing
2.1 (iii)	Work with ISAF partners to encourage all to stay the course, maintaining a force presence in Afghanistan during the transition process, and contributing to building the capacity of Afghan security forces (end Dec 2014)	Work ongoing
2.2 (i) (b)	Begin to provide monthly written updates to Parliament, including reports on progress in the implementation of Kabul and London commitments (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3 (i) (b)	The British Pakistan Foundation helps to deliver stronger people to people links between the UK and Pakistan (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3 (i) I	Set up and implement a programme of regular contacts, including visits, between the PM and other Ministers with their Pakistani counterparts (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3 (i) (d)	Support Pakistan's efforts to implement a package of reforms agreed with the International Financial Institutions (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3 (i) (e)	Enhance practical co-operation through the UK/Pakistan CT Joint Working Group (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.1 (i) (a)	Political and practical support to Croatia in fulfilling necessary accession criteria in 2011 to enable accession negotiations to close (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.1 (i) I	Support steady progress in Iceland's EU accession negotiations, encourage the Icelandic authorities to develop and maintain necessary reforms end commercial whaling and resolve Icesave (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.1 (i) (d)	Support an EU future for the Western Balkans region, once clear membership criteria are met. Support and encourage countries in the region to deliver reforms including through the EU accession process; focussing on stability, democracy rule of law, reconciliation, continued resolution of conflict legacy (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.3 (i)	Seek tough and effective EU engagement on Iran (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.3 (iii)	Work to promote stability in the Western Balkans (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.3 (iv) (a)	Ensuring that 10% of EAS Assistant Director and above positions are filled by British nationals (end Dec 2013)	Work ongoing
4.3 (iv) (b)	Influence EAS policies to ensure they support UK security and prosperity the EAS only acts where mandated to do so by Treaties (end Dec 2013)	Work ongoing
4.4 (i) (a)	Implement the EU Energy Third Package effectively (end May 2015)	Work ongoing
4.4 (ii)	Work with the Treasury to ensure that the next EU Financial Perspectives reflect Britain's views and take account of economic circumstances (end Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
4.4 (iv)	Ensure that the British perspective is reflected in EU institutions by increasing the number of British citizens entering EU institutions (end Jun 2012)	Work ongoing
5.1 (ii)	Align the work of the British Council and the BBC World Service with this programme	Work

	(end 2012)	ongoing
5.1 (vi)	Promote and project UK values to ensure that the UK models and upholds legal obligations robustly and without scope for abuse, including on universal jurisdiction (end May 2015)	Work ongoing

### (3) No deadlines missed in May 2012.

Two actions from previous months (March 2012) remain incomplete:

Action	Reason
5.3 (iii) Provide comprehensive input into the preparatory work needed to allow the Gibson Inquiry to commence in early 2011 and report within the year.	All preparatory work complete, including full FCO disclosure of all relevant documents. However, it has not been possible to launch the Inquiry: the Government asked the Gibson Inquiry to bring its preparatory work to a close following the DPP/Police January announcement that they would launch an investigation in to allegations of Government complicity in the rendition of two Libyans and to prepare a report on the Inquiry's preparatory work to date.
5.3(iv) Begin to implement the Gibson Inquiry recommendations.	Not complete. The wrap-up report on the Inquiry's preparations, now expected in early July, is unlikely to contain policy recommendations. The Government has committed to hold a Judicial Inquiry into detainees once all police investigations have concluded.

### (4) External delays

One action due for completion by December 2011 remains outstanding for reasons outside the Department's control:

Action	Reason
4.4 (i) (d) Support the Delivery of an ambitious EU India Free Trade Agreement.	The EU/India FTA negotiations are at an advanced stage, though not yet complete. Negotiations are led by the European Commission rather than individual member states, but the UK has consistently pressed for an ambitious agreement which delivers on our priorities. At the EU/India Summit in February both sides reiterated top level political will for an ambitious and balanced free trade agreement to be concluded this year, with a Ministerial foreseen in June paving the way for possible completion in the autumn.