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Sir Simon Fraser  
Permanent Under-Secretary

Dear Sir Simon,

**BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: SIR DAVID REDDAWAY KCMG MBE**

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Sir David Reddaway, former HM Ambassador in Turkey, who is seeking permission to accept an appointment as a member of the Council of Experts with the Democratic Progress Institute (DPI). His last day in post was 8 January 2014 and his last day in Crown service was 28 February 2014.

In their consideration of this application, the Committee noted that the appointment will involve occasional contact with his former Department. The Committee took into account that Sir David's duties will be to take part in meetings on specific conflict issues and offer advice on how the DPI can help in conflict resolution.

The Committee noted that Sir David did have official contact with the DPI while in post as HM Ambassador to Turkey. It also took into account the fact that the FCO's six month moratorium on former Ambassadors having dealings with their country of last posting had expired. The Committee also noted that the FCO did not believe this appointment could be perceived as a reward and had no reservations about this appointment.

Taking into account all the circumstances the Committee's advice to the Secretary of State is that the application be approved subject to the conditions that:

- for two years from his last day of service, Sir David should not become personally involved in lobbying\* the UK Government on behalf of his new employers or their clients; and

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- he should not draw on privileged information to him as a Crown servant.

\*Lobbying in this context means that the former Crown servant should not engage in communication with Government (including Ministers, special advisers and officials) with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted.

I should be grateful if, in addition to sending us a copy of your letter to Sir David informing him of the outcome of his application, **you should also ensure that we are told when Sir David takes up this post or, if earlier, when it is announced that he will do so.** 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. In line with our usual practice, we will then publish brief details on our website including, with your agreement, a copy of your letter.

Finally, I should be grateful if you would ask that Sir David informs us if he proposes to change his role with the DPI because, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

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Committee Secretariat

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