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DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY (OFFICIAL) COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Note by the Secretaries

1. The Sub-Committee will be aware from ODO(SA)(82) 4 that meetings of officials took place in the days immediately preceding the establishment of ODO(SA) at which a number of actions were placed on Departments. Attached at Annex A is a statement of the current position on each remit from these meetings as well as from ODO(SA)(82) 1st Meeting showing what further action is required.
2. There are also a number of other areas where future work of interest to the Sub-Committee has already been identified by Departments. Annex B sets out this work and suggests its future handling.
3. The Sub-Committee may wish to consider at their next meeting how the work at Annexes A and B should be carried forward.

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| Serial | Department responsible | Remit | Meeting reference | Current Action | Further action |
|--------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | MOD/DOT | Establish position on the shipment of military equipment and spares to Argentina; related legal questions | U0456 and U0458 | MOD action in hand in conjunction with DOT | MOD report to ODO(SA) |
| 2 | FCO | Use of ICRC | U0456 | Action taken by FCO with UKMIS Geneva | FCO to pursue as required |
| 3 | FCO/MOD | Dissuade other countries from supplying arms to Argentina | U0461 | Some action taken following ODO(SA)(82) 1st Meeting. MOD identification of suppliers continues | FCO to pursue and report to ODO(SA) |
| 4 | FCO | Recovery of British Antarctic Survey from S.Georgia | U0461 | FCO action being taken through ICRC and Swiss | FCO to pursue |
| 5 | FCO | Issue general guidance on cultural visits and exchanges | U0461 | Policy being considered by FCO | FCO to pursue |
| 6 | Cabinet Office | Contact Office of Arts and Libraries on cultural visits and exchanges | U0461 | Complete. Further action lies with FCO through British Council at Serial 5 | - |
| 7 | Cabinet Office | Security Service to cover members of the Argentine Embassy | U0456 | Complete | - |
| 8 | Tsy/DOT | Draft passages for Ministers' speeches | U0458 | Complete | - |

OUTSTANDING ACTION

| Serial | Department responsible | Remit | Meeting reference | Current Action | Further action |
|--------|------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 9 | Home Office | Contingency planning on Argentinian citizens | U0461 | HO study in hand | HO report to ODO(SA) |
| 10 | D Energy | Establish British involvement in Argentinian civil nuclear power programme | U0458 | D En. action in hand | D En. report to ODO(SA) |

| Serial | Raised by | Subject | Proposed Action | Lead Department |
|--------|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | Parliamentary Counsel | Legislation to support measures against Argentina | a. Departments to identify measures requiring fresh legislation. b. Recommendations to ODO(SA) on future co-ordinating machinery. | FCO FCO |
| 2. | FCO | Assessment of Argentina's vulnerability to economic pressure | JIC action already in hand | JIC |
| 3. | FCO | Withdraw export licences for certain significant items not covered by measures already taken | a. FCO to prepare proposals for ODO(SA) in conjunction with DOT, DoI and other interested Departments. b. Recommendations to be submitted to Ministers | FCO Cabinet Office |
| 4. | FCO | Determine UK economic and commercial interests in Argentina at risk to Argentinian retaliation | a. FCO to prepare paper for ODO(SA) in conjunction with DOT, DoI, Bank of England and other interested Departments. b. Report to be made, if appropriate, to Ministers. | FCO Cabinet Office |
| 5. | FCO | Likelihood of retaliation against British interests by other South American countries | a. Study by FCO against possible options for military and diplomatic action. b. Report to ODO(SA) (and Ministers) as the situation develops. | FCO FCO |