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Thank you for your minute of 11 May about the appointment of the next IEA Executive Director.

It is important that this post be filled as soon as possible by a capable candidate. While Frau Steeg has not dealt with energy matters directly, she has wide relevant experience of multi-lateral trade negotiation and I judge her to be capable of doing the job. It will however be important that the IEA Deputy post is filled by someone with a thorough energy background.

Frau Steeg's name has now been in play for some time and I understand that the consensus behind her is fairly well complete. I agree that we can go along with it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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