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From the Private Secretary

MISC 104: DETAILED MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

The Prime Minister has seen Lord Young's minute of 14 February and discussed it with him yesterday. The Prime Minister has also seen the comments of the Efficiency Unit. She questioned whether it was possible to go further towards providing unified control and accountability in each of the City Action Teams. Lord Young explained that to go further than he had proposed would require legislation which would delay establishment of the arrangements for better co-ordination. He accepted that if the new arrangements were shown not to be working well, the Government would have to consider legislation. On this basis and subject to the views of colleagues, the Prime Minister accepted his proposal and was content for an announcement to be made shortly.

The Prime Minister was content with the proposal that the group of Ministers which had worked on the co-ordination arrangements would continue in existence to set targets and monitor progress. Sir Robert Armstrong has advised that this could be established as a MISC Group. The Prime Minister would be grateful for a report in about 12 month's time on the way CAT's are working and how they might be further developed.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to Members of MISC 104, Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), and Ian Beesley, (Efficiency Unit).

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