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During the course of a discussion with the Prime Minister this morning on the forthcoming conference on 5-7 March "Saving the Ozone Layer", she said she very much hoped that it would be possible for the NERC Report to ACOST on Global Environment Research (considered at the last ACOST meeting) to be published just ahead of that conference so that copies could be available there.

I should be grateful if you could arrange urgently for this to be undertaken. But before doing so I should be grateful for your urgent advice on the apparent inconsistency between paragraph 94(vi) of the conclusions to the NERC Report and paragraph 11 of the ACOST Working Group Report which indicated that the current level of UK government expenditure should remain roughly constant. Such an inconsistency may have a bearing on the form in which the NERC Report is published.

Since we will need to give NERC their marching orders for publication by the end of this week if they are to meet the timetable, could I ask for your advice on this point by Thursday please.

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