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PRIME MINISTER'S UNGA SPEECH

Roger Bright circulated a revised draft speech for the Prime Minister under cover of his letter of 1 November.

We would like to suggest two amendments to the text (both of which have been cleared with DOE at official level). these amendment is factual, the other presentational.

First, at the top of page 15, we think that the wording does not wholly reflect the efforts the Government in general, and DTI in particular, is already making to improve the environmental performance of business and stimulate innovation in pollution control technology. We would suggest the following revised wording: "We are not only improving our system of pollution control but actively encouraging UK industry to improve its environmental performance, minimise the amount of waste it produces and develop new technologies to clean up the environment".

Secondly, at the foot of page 15, the reference to the Uk having provided more money for the European Space Agency's Earth Resources Satellite is not quite right. The additional money earmarked for satellite monitoring will finance the Polar Platform as well as ERS II. We suggest therefore that the sentence is revised to read as follows: "We have also provided more money for the satellite monitoring programmes of the European Space Agency".





I am copying this to John Gieve (Chancellor of the Exchequer's office), Stephen Wall (Foreign Office), Stephen Haddrill (Department of Energy), Roy Griffiths (Department of Transport), Roger Bright (Department of the Environment), Andy Lebrecht (MAFF) and Myles Wickstead (ODA).

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