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I have just looked at the latest draft, and agree with MS that it is a good deal better than earlier drafts. I also share most of Mark's particular comments, and will add further this afternoon. Meanwhile, here are a few thoughts

The foreword needs to refer to the UN in the first sentences. This is, after all, about the authority of the UN and international law. This is the only way we can win the argument in Parliament and elsewhere. Kofi Annan made some very helpful remarks on the radio this morning about the unique aspect of Iraq's behaviour towards the UN

It also needs to reiterate the number of UNSC resolutions, and separate obligations, Iraq continues to ignore. In that vein we need to enhance Section 4 - which should list point by point, the obligations on Iraq - and tick off those SH is flouting

Section 1 is a little odd. It is far too personal about Saddam, particularly paragraphs 12 to 15

I will make further comments later

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