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## IRAQI WMD PROGRAMMES

### Introduction

1. Under Saddam Hussein, Iraq has developed chemical and biological weapons, acquired missiles able to attack neighbouring countries with these weapons, and tried hard to develop a nuclear bomb. Iraq has admitted to all of these programmes to acquire weapons of mass destruction. And Saddam has used chemical weapons, both against Iran and against his own people

2 We also have intelligence about Iraq's WMD capabilities. These reports are extremely sensitive. Details cannot be made public because great care has to be taken to protect our sources. But taken with the evidence of his record, and the evidence from UN weapons inspections the intelligence builds a compelling picture of Saddam's capabilities.

3. The International Community has repeatedly sought to disrupt Iraq's efforts to acquire WMD. On each occasion Saddam has sought to rebuild his capabilities. His efforts are making progress. This paper sets out what we now know of Saddam's WMD programmes, drawing on all the available evidence. The main conclusions are that.

- Iraq's military planning specifically envisages the use of weapons of mass destruction;
- Iraq has chemical and biological weapons, in breach of UNSCR 687 And it is able to make more;
- Iraq continues to work on developing nuclear weapons, in breach of its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and in breach of UNSCR 687;
- Iraq possesses extended-range versions of the SCUD ballistic missile, capable of reaching Israel and Gulf States. And it is developing other ballistic missiles. Here too it is in breach of UNSCR 687;
- Iraq's military forces maintain the capability to use weapons of mass destruction, with command, control and logistical arrangements in place.

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