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22 Jan 90

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHRA

1. After the briefing note was prepared in this office for signature by DG Crew on 12 Jan 90, a meeting was held in his office involving representatives from JAG, DG Crew, DPLS and Department of Justice. (This is the subject of a separate NTF prepared by DLaw/HRI).
2. As a result of the meeting, Mr. Yves Côté was the agreed upon person to prepare a draft aide memoire for transmission to JAG and DPLS before completion in final form. The date on which this draft aide memoire was to be forwarded was 22 Jan 90.
3. The proposed briefing of MND to the Government Operations Committee that had been planned to be held the afternoon of 22 Jan 90 was cancelled last week. DG Crew was going to brief the MND and Assoc MND tomorrow afternoon sometime between 1530 and 1730 hours but this too has been cancelled as has this regular scheduled briefing period itself. DG Crew is now expected to brief DEM on Friday morning and brief the MND and Assoc MND the following Tuesday.
4. DG Crew and I agreed that whoever got the first draft from Mr. Côté that person would immediately contact the other and DPLS so as to ensure that all interested DND/CF persons working on it had the same material at the earliest possible time.
5. DG Crew indicated that despite the change in plans and the firming up of the submission date for the MC, there was no requirement (in view of the proposed briefing next week to MND and Assoc MND and of this Friday's DEM) to prepare another briefing note for the MND and Assoc MND.
6. It should be noted that in the conversation between DG Crew and Mr. Low last week, the latter indicated that one of our four recommendations had been agreed to by him and the other Justice lawyers and that this issue would no longer be tabled. Mr. Low seemed to think that the issue that had been resolved was the deletion of the primacy aspect but he couldn't remember whether it was going to be deleted in its entirety, retained with a "notwithstanding" clause inserted, or even whether this was the actual area of agreement. (Apparently Mr. Low had had a busy day on a number of other things and this was just given as an aside to DG Crew without further explanation).

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7. DG Crew wants to ensure that, if possible, either I or DLaw/HRI will be available for his briefing to the MND and Assoc MND next Tuesday, 6 Feb, if required. Also either I or DLaw/HRI will attend DEM in Conference Room "B" on Friday to answer any questions of a legal nature that may arise after DG Crew has given his briefing. DJAG/A will probably be the JAG rep at DEM that date and he advised that once the Security Briefing is completed it is quite normal to have both briefers and support staff for such briefers in attendance for that particular item.



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