

FCO Board, 3 April 2009
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Summary

The Board reviewed the FCO's **global footprint** a year after the network shift, and concluded that, while there was no need for a further shift, it was important for Directors to maintain flexibility within their regions. It also agreed on the importance of accurate **activity recording** data.

The Board examined the FCO's **corporate governance** arrangements, and approved its Terms of Reference, Scheduled of Reserved Decisions, and objectives for 2009/10, having reviewed performance against its 2008/09 objectives. It also assessed the effectiveness of its Sub-Committees and approved their Terms of Reference.

Following the Office of Government Commerce review of the FCO's procurement capability, the Board approved a new **Procurement Strategy** and the creation of a new Procurement Board to manage its key supplier relationships, increase professionalism, and achieve significant savings in this area.

The Board approved in principle the Memorandum of Understanding with the Home Office on the merger of the **overseas passports** operation with the Identity and Passport Service, subject to final agreement on the capital provision following the merger in April 2011.

Finally, the Board heard an update on the roll-out of **Future Firecrest**, and carried out its quarterly review of the **Top Risks Register**.