

FCO Board, 27 February 2009

SUMMARY

The Board received the provisional results of the 24-month **Capability Review** check-up: it showed improvement across all aspects, particularly on local staff and cross-Whitehall working, but the Board agreed there was no sense of complacency and more work needed to be done to get the FCO to where it wanted to be.

The Board looked at various **financial issues**, including agreeing the allocation of resources to Directorates-General for 2009/10, hearing from HM Treasury about the sombre prospects for the 2010/11 financial year and beyond, and endorsing a set of principles for simplifying the FCO's internal budgeting processes.

Finally, the Board heard an update on the roll-out of **Future Firecrest**, following the most recent pilot in Dublin, and reviewed the Operational Risk on **information handling**.