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MACBRIDE REVIEW

I attach a draft submission to NIO Ministers which covers a review paper drawn up by NIO, DED, FCO and Embassy officials.

2. As I see it, the situation has developed somewhat since we first started re-examining MacBride, in May this year, and as a result the draft submission is now much closer to a statement of what I understand to be our existing practice, rather than a proposal for further change. The essential point, as you will see from the draft, is that we should make maximum use of the new Fair Employment Act, and should avoid (as I think we do now avoid) being drawn into opposing MacBride legislation simply on grounds of principle.

3. Although the paper by officials has been agreed inter-departmentally, I would be grateful for comments on my draft submission. Since the Secretary of State should have an opportunity of considering these papers before he makes his visit to the United States in mid-January, could I please ask for comments as swiftly as possible.

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