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The press notice for Friday's announcement. To include a big section on EU membership. Will include President's standard quote (alongside HvR's in Madrid etc). Will give you a call later in the week.

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**FCO Press Release: Scotland Analysis: EU and International
Issues paper to launch this week**



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Foreign Secretary and Chief Secretary to the Treasury to launch next Scotland analysis paper in Glasgow on Friday.

The paper, the first in the series to be published since the launch of the Scottish Government's White Paper in November, will highlight the UK's unique role in world affairs. It will discuss how the UK's overseas network ensures the safety of Scottish people abroad, supports Scottish businesses and promotes shared values, such as democracy, human rights and the fight against poverty.

Foreign Secretary William Hague said:

"At the start of a momentous year for Scotland, I look forward to coming to Glasgow this week for the launch of this paper. I believe that we are safer and stronger together, and that together we can do more good in the world."

The paper will look at the UK's global diplomatic network. One of the most extensive, well-respected and influential in the world, it employs over 14,000 people in 267 Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates in 154 countries and 12 Overseas Territories.

It will look at how businesses based in Scotland can benefit directly from efforts to protect the UK's economic interests – for example, defending Scotch whisky against counterfeits, discriminatory or excessive taxation, trade barriers and other restrictions.

The paper will note that Scottish businesses can draw on the help of UK Trade & Investment in 169 locations in over 100 markets worldwide, and from the British Council, which is represented in 110 countries. It will also discuss the consular support available to Scottish people as they travel overseas.

It will also look at the implications of independence in terms of an independent Scotland's membership of international bodies such as the European Union and NATO.

Note to Editors

1. The Scotland analysis programme is a series of detailed publications produced by the UK Government explaining the benefits Scotland brings to the United Kingdom and the benefits for Scotland in being part of the UK. The EU and international issues paper is the third in a sequence of papers analysing Scotland's place in the world, following publications on defence and security.
2. Earlier papers have covered topics such as and monetary policy, financial services and banking, and the macroeconomic and fiscal performance.

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