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ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith: To Our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor Alexander Andrew Mackay Baron Irvine of Lairg Our Chancellor of Great Britain GREETING: WE WILL AND COMMAND that under the Great Seal of Our Realm remaining in your custody you cause these Our Letters to be made forth Patent in form following:

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Whereas We did by Our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our Realm bearing date the fifth day of November in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign constitute and appoint the persons therein named to be Our Defence Council to exercise on Our behalf the functions of Our Prerogative as therein mentioned And Whereas We are desirous of changing the constitution of Our said Defence Council Now Therefore Know Ye that We do revoke with effect from the twenty-eighth day of May in the fifty-first year of Our Reign Our Letters Patent bearing date the fifth day of November in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign aforesaid And Further Know Ye that We do constitute and appoint as from the said twenty-eighth day of May the following persons in place of those constituted and appointed by Our Letters Patent aforesaid that is to say Our Principal Secretary of State for Defence the Minister of State for the Armed Forces the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence and Minister for Defence Procurement the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence and Minister for Veterans the Chief of the Defence Staff the Permanent Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Defence the Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord the Chief of the General Staff the Chief of the Air Staff the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff the Second Permanent Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Defence the Chief Scientific Adviser of the Ministry of Defence the Chief of Defence Procurement for the Ministry of Defence and the Chief of Defence Logistics to be Our Defence Council to exercise on Our behalf the functions of Our Prerogative which have heretofore on Our behalf been exercised by Our Defence Council constituted and appointed by Our Letters Patent aforesaid and in particular to administer such matters pertaining to Our Naval Military and Air Forces as We shall through Our Principal Secretary of State for Defence direct them to execute And to have command under Us of all Officers and Ratings Soldiers and Airmen of Our Naval Military and Air Forces And Further Know Ye that Our Principal Secretary of State for Defence (or in his absence one of Our Ministers of State aforesaid) shall be Chairman of Our Defence Council so constituted and for the business of which he shall be responsible to Us and to Parliament And the said Permanent Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Defence shall be the Secretary of Our Defence Council Provided that Our Defence Council may appoint such other person or persons to act as Secretary or Secretaries in addition to the said Permanent Under Secretary of State as Our Defence Council may think fit And We do empower and direct Our Defence Council to establish an Admiralty Board an Army Board and an Air Force Board to be charged with the

administration of such matters relating to Our Naval Military and Air Forces as Our Defence Council shall direct And to have command under Us and Our Defence Council of all Officers and Ratings Soldiers and Airmen whom Our Defence Council shall place under their command And We do grant Our Defence Council authority to give and dispose of all such Offices places and employments in Our Naval Military and Air Forces as shall become or be made vacant And We enjoin all such Officers and all others whom it may concern to be obedient to Our Defence Council and to the Boards established by Our Defence Council by virtue of these Presents in all things as becometh And Further Know Ye that the powers of Our Defence Council and of the Boards so appointed may be exercised and their duties performed by any two of their members and any document may be signed on behalf of Our Defence Council or of any of the said Boards by any two of their members or by the Secretary or person acting as Secretary of Our Defence Council or of that Board And We do further direct that the arrangements for the administration and government of Our Naval Military and Air Forces described in these Our Letters shall come into effect on the said twenty-eighth day of May in the fifty-first year of Our Reign In Witness &c. Witness &c.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's* the *twenty-eighth* day of *May* two thousand and *two* in the *fifty-first* year of Our Reign

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND

Geoffrey Hoon

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

This contains a Warrant to the Lord High Chancellor to pass Letters Patent under the Great Seal whereby Your Majesty is pleased to amend the constitution of Your Majesty's Defence Council And this Warrant is prepared according to Your Majesty's Royal Command

Received the 28th
day of May 2002

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Signified by Mr. Secretary Hoon

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Clerk of the Crown in Chancery