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Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

Summary of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 December 2004 at the Government Art Collection's London premises.

Present

Chairman: Julia Somerville

Members: Dr Penelope Curtis, Alan Davey, Richard Dorment, Margot Heller, Penny Johnson, Dr Charle Saumarez Smith, Sir Nicholas Serota, Sarah Shalgosky

GAC staff: Julia Toffolo, Adrian George, Kate Conroy

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sandy Nairne.

2. Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last Committee meeting on 1 July 2004 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The Director reported back to the Committee that the general Publication about the GAC has been put on hold.

4. Acquisitions since July 2004

The Committee noted the acquisitions made since the last meeting on 1 July 2004.

Selection of four artists to target: The Committee discussed a list of artists for possible acquisition, which was circulated in November 2004.

Decision on proposed acquisitions. The Committee approved the purchase of the following:

- **Devotional** by Sonia Boyce, colour screen print on laminated paper, mounted on aluminium was purchased from The Agency.
- **Everything beautiful is far away** by Mark Titchner, c-type on aluminum was purchased from Vilma Gold.
- **Ben Nevis on Blue** by Claude Heath, acrylic on polyester was purchased from the artist.

5. New Home Office building, Marsham Street

Update of Art Enhancement, Public and Interior Arts Strategies and Communications. GAC Curator: Collection Projects gave a summary to the Committee of the overall progress of the various art strategies for the Home Office project. Gary Webb has now decided to replace a proposed overlaying image on his work with a dimmable green neon light fixture. The Committee agreed that the rotational aspect of the sculpture was integral to the work and advised that it should not be removed.

Interior Arts Strategy: Approval of final proposal by Toby Paterson. The Committee approved Toby Paterson's final proposal for the art commission for the reception area of the new Home Office building.

6. Proposals for works of art for the new Deputy High Commission Office, Chennai

The Director gave a short presentation to the Committee on the background to the new Deputy High Commission project in Chennai. The Committee approved the artists suggested by the Director.

7. Implication of recent PFI projects for role of GAC

The Director outlined the recent refurbishment of part of HM Treasury building on Parliament Street.

8. Director's Report of GAC activities since 1 July 2004

The Committee noted the contents of the Director's report.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 7 March 2005 at 16.30.