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Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

Summary of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2010 at the Government Art Collection's London premises

Present

Chairman: Julia Somerville

Members: Sandy Nairne, Nicholas Penny, Sarah Shalgosky

GAC: Penny Johnson, Adrian George (for part of meeting), Clive Marks

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from David A Bailey, Iwona Blazwick, Penelope Curtis, Mick Elliott and Andrew Renton.

2. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 19 November 2009

The Committee approved the Minutes, which were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The Director noted that the Cornelia Parker sculpture, Rorschach (Endless Column III), acquired at the last meeting was to be displayed in the British Embassy in Paris.

4. Acquisitions

The Committee noted the acquisitions made since 19 November 2009.

The Committee reviewed and discussed a number of possible acquisitions including submissions from artists and galleries. The work of one of the artists will be presented at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

5. New British Embassy, Tbilisi

The Director outlined progress on the commissions and noted that owing to budgetary constraints, it may be that only one commission will be taken forward.

6. Government Art Collection (GAC) exhibition at Whitechapel Gallery

The Director outlined progress on the exhibition noting that some advance funding had been agreed for it in 2010-2011 budget. The Director explained that two high profile individuals had already agreed to curate a show each and initial discussions with a third are underway.

7. Update on art commissions

The Director provided an update on the following projects: Ministry of Justice, London; Home Office, London and the British Embassies in Algiers, Madrid and Warsaw and the UK Representation to the EU, Brussels for which Donald Urquhart has been commissioned to make a work entitled Brussels A-Z.

8. Director's Report of GAC activities since 19 November 2009

The Committee noted the report.

9. AOB

The Director explained that the GAC was seeking Accreditation with the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council. She also noted that GAC's redesigned website was scheduled to be launched in the summer.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 15 July 2010.