



Press Release

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For immediate use

Britain will 'rule' the world

STEPHEN TWIGG, Director of the Foreign Policy Centre today said:

"For the next month, Britain will 'rule' the world – through chairing three crucial international institutions.

"From Thursday 1st of December, Britain will have the Presidency of the UN Security Council, the European Union, and the G8. Britain must use this opportunity to bring lasting change on the global stage. This is an unprecedented chance for Britain to help achieve an agreement on increasing aid to Africa, delivering reform of the wasteful Common Agricultural Policy and reducing climate change – Tony Blair's stated priorities for Britain's Presidencies of the EU and the G8.

"This is Tony Blair's last chance to cement his historical legacy - he often talks about joined-up thinking - with this period it's a chance for him to walk the walk as well. For however short a period, we must not let this opportunity slip."

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Editor's Notes

1. The Presidency of the UN Security Council is rotated and lasts for one month. The UK Presidency begins on 1st December 2005.
2. The UK Presidency of the EU 2005 runs from 1 July to 31 December 2005
3. The UK Presidency of the G8 runs from 1 January to 31 December 2005

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