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Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet  
held by video conference on

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
At 1300 PM

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P R E S E N T

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP  
Prime Minister

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP  
First Secretary of State, and Secretary of State for  
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP  
Secretary of State for the Home Department

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Minister for  
the Cabinet Office

The Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP  
Lord Chancellor, and Secretary of State for Justice

The Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP  
Secretary of State for Defence

The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP  
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP  
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and  
Industrial Strategy, Minister for COP26

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP  
Secretary of State for International Trade, and  
President of the Board of Trade, and Minister for  
Women and Equalities

The Rt Hon Dr Thérèse Coffey MP  
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

The Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP  
Secretary of State for Education

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP  
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs

The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP  
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and  
Local Government

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP  
Secretary of State for Transport

The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis CBE MP  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Rt Hon Alister Jack MP  
Secretary of State for Scotland

The Rt Hon Simon Hart MP  
Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Baroness Evans of Bowes Park  
Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House of Lords

The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP  
Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and  
Sport

The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP  
Secretary of State for International Development

The Rt Hon Amanda Milling MP  
Minister without Portfolio (and Conservative Party Chair)

ALSO PRESENT

The Rt Hon Stephen Barclay MP  
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

The Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP  
Lord President of the Council, and Leader of the House of Commons

The Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (Chief Whip)

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman QC MP  
Attorney General

Professor Chris Whitty CB  
Chief Medical Officer for England and the UK

Sir Patrick Vallance  
Government Chief Scientific Adviser

Secretariat

Sir Mark Sedwill  
H MacNamara

NR

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Concluding, THE PRIME MINISTER said that the Cabinet had agreed to proceed as set out. This would be welcomed by businesses, the public, and people who wanted to see their loved ones. As these decisions were made, it was important to remember that there were still tens of thousands of new cases each week, and 'R' was still around one. The message was one of gradual liberalisation. Progress had to be cautious to avoid a second peak. Social distancing, self-isolating when showing symptoms and washing of hands all remained critical. People should stay alert, protect the NHS and save lives.

The Cabinet:

- took note.