## <u>Press release: Change of Her Majesty's</u> <u>Ambassador to Sudan in April 2018</u>

Mr Irfan Siddiq OBE has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to Sudan.

Mr Irfan Siddiq OBE has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to Sudan in succession to Mr Michael Aron who will be transferring to another Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Siddiq will take up his appointment in April 2018.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Full name: Irfan Siddiq

Married to: Penélope Siddiq

Children: Two

2017 — 2018 Plan International, International Advocacy Director (secondment)

- 2016 2017 FCO, Head, Secondment Unit
- 2013 2016 Baku, Her Majesty's Ambassador

2011 – 2013 FCO, Head, Arab Partnership Department

2010 - 2011 Baghdad, Deputy Head of Mission

- 2007 2010 Damascus, Deputy Head of Mission
- 2005 2007 FCO, Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary

2004 – 2005 Washington, secondment to US State Department as Political Officer

- 2003 2004 Baghdad, Political Officer, Coalition Provisional Authority
- 2002 2003 Cairo, Second Secretary (Political/Press)
- 2000 2002 Full time language training (Arabic)
- 2000 2000 FCO, Desk Officer, Middle East Peace Process Section
- 1999 2000 New Delhi, Second Secretary (Economic/Commercial)
- 1998 -1999 FCO, Desk Officer, NATO

1998 Joined FCO

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