

THE WOOLF INQUIRY: AN INQUIRY INTO THE LSE'S LINKS WITH LIBYA AND LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

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Dear Chairman

On 3 March 2011 I was invited by the LSE's Council to conduct an inquiry into the LSE's links with Libya. I have now conducted that Inquiry and I enclose my Report.

The Report is based on the substantial amount of documentation provided to me by the School, a large number of interviews with witnesses, and submissions made directly to the Inquiry. I have received a great deal of cooperation from staff and students at the School as well as from a range of other witnesses and independent experts. I am grateful to all those who contributed to the Inquiry.

I had thought that the Panel appointed under the *Procedure for Consideration of Allegations of Irregularity in Relation to University of London Awards* in relation to Saif Gaddafi's academic work would have made its decision before I completed my Report. However, it was not necessary for the Panel to have reached a decision in order for me to conduct my Inquiry and finish my Report. Given that my Report is complete, it is right that I hand it to the School's Council without delay.

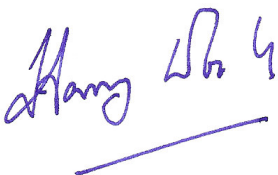
I very much hope that the full Report will be published as early as possible, although I recognise that it is for the LSE to decide on the date of the publication.

Having handed over my Report I do not propose, for the time being, to make any further comment until publication. I will refer all media queries to Maggie O'Boyle who will respond to that effect.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the Report to both Adrian Hall, Secretary and Director of Administration and Professor Rees, the interim Director of the LSE.

In writing, I would like to express my gratitude to Adrian Hall and the academic and administrative staff for the assistance which I have received.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lord Woolf', with a horizontal line underneath.

Lord Woolf

Copy Secretary and Director of Administration
Interim Director
attached