

The Paris Peace Conference 1919 Remembered... 100 Years on **18 January to 28 June 2019**

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Open Letter to:

H M Attorneys General, 10 March 2000 to 11 November 2018⁽¹⁾

Dear Sirs/Madam

Re: The Rule of Law or Rule by Government Lawyers?

My previous open letter of 18 January 2019 to the Privy Counsellors who were members of the Iraq Inquiry Committee demonstrated from a recently concluded legal case that H.M. Government rejects a judicially defined perspective of peace (an 'irenical perspective'). Consequently, the central finding of the Chilcot Report of 6 July 2016 has also been rejected, viz. as Sir John put it: '...the UK chose to join the invasion of Iraq before the peaceful options for disarmament had been exhausted. Military action at that time was not a last resort.'

This sequence of events stretching back to 10 March 2000 through to 11 November 2018 reveals how you, as Law Officers for England and Wales, have perpetrated, at the most strategic level, a fraud upon an unsuspecting public involving the rejection of the English High Court's definition and application of an irenical perspective, with the willing complicity of the same Court of Appeal which approved the principle in the first place. Thereby, it is proven that the rule of law has been subordinated to rule by government lawyers, specifically yourselves when in office; strategic principle abandoned to expediency.

Hence, your inability to face the factual and legal truth of your sacrifice of public benefit, as affirmed in the case concerning the Project on Demilitarisation (Prodem) on 28 June 2000, and thus of the primary role of education in securing a state of peace and avoiding a state of war. This contributes to and, if sustained, will further entrench a climate favouring another Great Power war, analogous to the legacy of the Paris Peace Conference of 1919.

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As in 1919, the reason is the failure of political institutions to apply 'an irenical perspective' even-handedly. Post-Cold War, the term was first defined in English charity law on 9 October 1998, drawing on a United States case of 1917, and affirmed by the Court of Appeal on 28 June 2000.

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In order, therefore, to avoid a repetition of that legacy – made by democracies – which contributed to a climate of opinion that led to the Second World War or, specifically, to seek to avoid the same arising out of the post-Cold War peace settlement in 1990, I have had to take over the function you have abandoned as Law Officers, viz. Law Officer for public benefit. If it seems paradoxical that I become the *de facto* but not yet *de jure* Law Officer for public benefit it is no more so than that you, as past or present Law Officers, failed in this legal duty at the most strategic level yet continue to insist on being Law Officers and public protectors of charity while refusing to recognise conflicts of interest.

It goes without saying that the new Charity Commission for England and Wales is fully implicated in the fraud you have perpetrated, having discredited itself a decade ago when it successfully defied, through its misconduct and that of a party-political judge of the Administrative Court, the Court of Appeal's *ratio*, concerning an educational trust to promote NATO, contained in the Prodem case of 28 June 2000.

You are currently beyond the reach of the criminal or civil law in this matter but not beyond the reach of the Court of history which, again and again, has overturned the judgments of the secular courts and revealed charity regulation as a social evil in England and Wales.

In your current or former corporate roles, along with past and present Board members of the Charity Commission as the independent charity regulator, you have missed the mark in the first duty of government. Sacrifice your legal reputations or sacrifice the public you were meant to serve. You have made your choice and we must bear the bloody consequences.

Yours faithfully,

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Signed: 4 March for public release on 6 March 2019 when it will be uploaded to the website.

Note: (1) One of the Attorneys General was a Solicitor General at the time but acting in court proceedings as the Attorney General. [See the [Law Officers Act 1997](#).]

[Linked Article no. 2: 'A Bleak House Today'](#)

This is a personal account, including eye witness testimony of court proceedings that has never been told before, which demonstrates the fraudulent nature of charity regulation in England and Wales, when applied to controversial political issues, and the willing subordination of the civil judiciary to the Attorney General in such matters. Article no. 2 will be found at www.directionofconflict.org where there is also a provisional timetable for the other letters and articles up to 28 June 2019. Article no. 1 on an 'irenical perspective', published on 18 January contains crucial background information for this letter and article.

References in this letter will be found in Article no. 1, or in Article no. 2 *to be published on 6 March 2019*.

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