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**CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)**  
**A STRATEGY FOR WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY IN GREAT BRITAIN**  
**TO 2010 AND BEYOND**

**Summary**

**HSC is currently consulting on a new strategy. CONIAC is invited to note the initiative and consider its initial response**

**Issue**

1. HSC is seeking views from as wide an audience as possible on a draft strategy for health and safety.

**Timing**

2. A consultation paper was launched on 8 October and will close on 1 December. HSC is hoping to finalise its strategy for full publication and launch early in the New Year.

**Background**

3. HSC began a process of consultation in the summer following its agreement to a new vision for health and safety and a new mission and high-level objectives for HSE. Three separate strands of consultation took place between June and August comprising consultation on a document entitled 'Strategic thinking – work in progress', regional events to discuss the emerging strategy, and a small number of targeted focus groups among 'hard to reach' groups such as non-unionised workers and small firms.

4. From this, and analysis of available evidence, HSC has now developed a draft strategy for consultation and this is attached at Annex 1.

### **Argument**

5. The draft strategy aims to indicate a strategic direction for the future by setting out some key areas for change. At this stage, it does not offer a detailed plan of how and when they will be achieved. This is the next step and some of the aspirations set out in the document will require a more policy analysis, and the collection of further evidence and evaluation. Clearly, this must be done in close cooperation with our stakeholders and advisors.

### **Consultation**

6. All key stakeholders and normal consultees should have received a copy of the Commission's consultation but it is also available on HSE's web site.

### **Action**

7. Members are asked to:
  - Give their initial reaction to the Commission's proposals;
  - Indicate whether the key changes set out are relevant for the construction sector;
  - Give an initial view about how it would like to be involved in the further development of the strategy and its detail.

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