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ACTION PLAN

**INTERACTION OF THE STATE &
THE CIVIL SOCIETY IN
FOREIGN POLICY-MAKING**

RELEVANCE

- Ongoing reforms: APs with the EU-NATO
 - Democratization
 - Modernization
 - Institution and capacity building
 - Introducing democratic patterns of behaviour

RELEVANCE

➤ Advantage of democratic patterns of decision-making

✓ efficient

✓ deliver better results

✓ public ownership

❖ Small country many challenges, therefore should mobilize resources

BEST PRACTICES

- UK experience
 - Constant dialogue between the FCO and the CS: think-tanks like Chatham House, ECFR, CER etc.
 - More views, better understanding, better decisions, less room for mistakes,
 - Not shy to ask for things you may not know.

OUTPUTS

- Build on the recent experience of public discussions
- Identify the potential civil society partners
- Develop a pattern of regular meetings at a working level
- Engage responsibly and ensure consistency on both sides

OUTCOMES

- Empower the civil society
- Shape traditions of participatory decision-making
- Change everybody's behaviour by raising the sense of responsibility
- Spill-over to other levels of decision-making
- ❖ *Efficiency will always be challenged but with fewer challengers*

THANK YOU

