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## **Viewers and Listeners Welcome Statements by the Chair of the BBC Trust**

Referring to the speech made on 30<sup>th</sup> June by Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman of the BBC Trust, at an evening seminar ‘Reshaping today’s BBC for tomorrow’ held by the independent campaigning broadcasting watchdog, Voice of the Listener & Viewer (VLV) Jocelyn Hay, its Founder and Honorary President commented today (1<sup>st</sup> July):

“We are pleased that Sir Michael Lyons chose a VLV event at which to announce these important changes in policy on salaries for top talent and senior executives at the BBC. These are matters which have been of concern to VLV members for some time.

We welcome actions both to increase transparency in the remuneration policy and to reduce the total pay bill. In this respect we are encouraged by the cooperation shown by the Director General and senior executives in voluntarily offering to forego a month’s salary in this and the coming year, on top of freezes already imposed on salaries and bonuses for the next two years. These are encouraging steps in these straightened times.

We would now like to see moves to clarify and explain to the public the evolving relationship between the Trust and the BBC Executive Board.”

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