



**BRITISH-IRISH
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY**

**COMHLACHT IDIR-PHARLAIMINTEACH
NA BREATAINE AGUS NA hÉIREANN**

FOURTEENTH PLENARY SESSION

1 and 2 December 1997

QEII Conference Centre, London

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

(Produced by D G MILLAR & J ROYCROFT, Clerks to the Body)

1. Monday 1 December 1997

The sitting was opened in public at 2.45 pm in the QEII Conference Centre, London with Mr Peter Temple-Morris in the Chair.

1. CO-CHAIRMEN

Ordered, That Mr Michael O'Kennedy and Mr David Winnick be Co-Chairmen of the Body. - **(Dr Rory O'Hanlon)**

Mr Winnick took the Chair as Chairman.

The **Chairman** thanked the Body for its confidence and paid tribute to the work of Mr Peter Temple-Morris as outgoing British Co-Chairman and Mr Paul Bradford, outgoing Irish Co-Chairman.

Mr Michael O'Kennedy thanked the Body for its confidence and paid tribute to Mr Temple-Morris and Mr Paul Bradford, outgoing Co-Chairmen.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris replied to the tributes and thanked the members and staff of the Body for their support.

1. VICE-CHAIRMEN

Ordered, That Mr Charles Flanagan, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Kevin McNamara and Dr Rory O'Hanlon be Vice-Chairmen of the Body. - **(Mr Michael O'Kennedy)**.

1. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

Ordered, That the proposed Programme of Business for the current Session to be approved. - **(Mr Kevin McNamara)**.

1. STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

A Statement was made by the Rt Hon Dr Marjorie Mowlam MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

The Rt Hon Marjorie Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland relied to Questions for oral answer put by members of the Body.

Mr Michael O'Kennedy took the Chair as Chairman.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Resolved, That the Body takes note of the Responses of both Governments to the Report of Committee D on Environmental Issues affecting the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (Doc. 53).- (**Mr Roger Stott**).

Mr David Winnick resumed the Chair.

1. ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES

Resolved, That the Body takes note of the Responses of both Governments to the Interim Report of Committee C on Animal Health Issues (Doc 54).- (**Mr Seamus Kirk**).

1. TOURISM

Resolved, That the Body takes note of the Responses of both Governments to the Report of Committee B on Tourism (Doc 55).- (**Mr Nick Ainger**).

The sitting was adjourned at 5.45 pm till tomorrow.

2. Tuesday 2nd December 1997

The sitting was opened in public at 9.45 am in the QEII Conference Centre with Mr David Winnick in the Chair.

1. RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Body commends the Irish and British Governments for their determination in pursuit of a lasting settlement in Northern Ireland and calls on all parties to engage with even greater urgency in the substantive negotiations at the All-party Talks and help to ensure a successful outcome. - (**Mr Charles Flanagan**).

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out from second "the" to "all" in line 3 and insert the words "positive efforts of the Irish and British Governments in the peace process, urges renewed determination on their part in pursuant of a lasting settlement and calls on both Government and" - (**Mr Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin**) - instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:- Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And the main Question being put:- It was agreed to (with two Members abstaining)

Resolved, That the Body commends the Irish and British Governments for their determination in pursuit of a lasting settlement in Northern Ireland and calls on all parties to engage with even greater urgency in the substantive negotiations at the All-party Talks and help to ensure a successful outcome.

1. STATEMENT BY CO-CHAIRMAN

Mr Michael O'Kennedy reported developments in the transport of shipments of beef between the Republic and Wales and on conversations between the Secretary of State for Wales and the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic.

Mr Michael O'Kennedy took the Chair as Chairman.

Sitting in private

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS &C

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Body do now adjourn. - (**Mr Charles Flanagan**).

Mr David Winnick resumed the Chair.

And the Question being put:- It was agreed to.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, That the Body do now adjourn.

The Session concluded at 12 noon.