



**BRITISH-IRISH
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY**

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THE WORK OF THE BRITISH-IRISH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY

Introduction

1. This is the third Annual Report of the Body since it was decided at the 11th Plenary Session in May 1996 that such a Report should be made. The current Report summarises the work of the Body in 1998.

2. 1998 was a momentous year for British-Irish affairs. Two years of multi-party talks culminated in the conclusion of the Belfast Agreement on Good Friday, 10 April, which was then ratified by referendums on 22 May in both jurisdictions. Elections to the new Northern Ireland Assembly were held on 25 June, and David Trimble MP and Seamus Mallon MP were elected First Minister designate and Deputy First Minister designate of the embryo Executive Committee of the Assembly.

3. It was almost inevitable, however, that the activities of the Body should get off to a slow start, given that there had been general elections and changes of government in both jurisdictions during 1997 and given that the work of the Body was carried out against the background of a rapidly-changing political scene in Northern Ireland.

4. In accordance with the Rules of the Body, three Plenary Sessions were held in 1998.

- from 30 to 31 March in the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan;
- on 15 May in Dublin Castle; and
- from 22 to 23 September in the Royal York Hotel, York.

Fifteenth Plenary

5. At the Plenary in Ballyconnell in March, the Body was addressed by the Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern TD. His speech is set out in full in the Report of Debates for the Session. The main debate on the first day of the Session was an informal discussion of how the Body was likely to develop if, as was hoped, the inter-party talks were going to come to a successful conclusion-which would inevitably entail the establishment of intergovernmental institutions with a parliamentary dimension. The Plenary also agreed to amend the Rules so as to provide for five Associates to be attached to each Committee, to receive documents and to attend in the absence of full Members of the Committee in question, with the right to vote and be counted in the quorum. The Body also took note of the Second Annual Report, for 1997.

6. On the second day, the Body held a wide-ranging debate on the progress of the multi-party talks-which at that point were reaching a critical stage. The text of the Body's Resolution, which was agreed unanimously, is as follows:

That the Body records its deepest appreciation of the commitment and hard work of all those involved, including the independent Chairmen, in the multi-party Talks which are now in their concluding and most critical stage; urges the participants to take, in a spirit of reconciliation and generosity, the final steps to a just,

comprehensive and balanced settlement within the three strands of the present Talks; expresses its appreciation for the continuing goodwill and support internationally for such a settlement; recognises the need for all parties to continue to adhere to the principles of democracy and non-violence which have underlain the talks; and looks forward to a successful outcome to the Talks and the support of the people in the referenda North and South.

Sixteenth Plenary

7. The Sixteenth Plenary, in Dublin, was an Extraordinary Meeting of the Body convened as a result of the successful conclusion of the Belfast Agreement on Good Friday, 10 April. For the first time in the history of the Body it was addressed by Ministers from *both* jurisdictions: Mr David Andrews TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, and Mr Paul Murphy MP, Minister for Political Development in the Northern Ireland Office. The text of the Body's Resolution, which was agreed by 26 votes to 1, is as follows:

That the Body, recalling the unanimous approval of its motion on the multi-party Talks at its recent 15th Plenary Session in Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan, welcomes the historic Agreement reached in the multi-party negotiations, congratulates all the participants in the Talks on reaching agreement, and looks forward to its endorsement by the people in the referenda, North and South, and to its successful implementation.

8. The Sixteenth Plenary also saw a procedural innovation which, while new to the Body, is a well-established feature of proceedings both in Dublin and Westminster: the closure, which was moved in order to enable the Body to vote on the draft Resolution before it while the majority of Members were still present at the meeting.

Seventeenth Plenary

9. By the time the Seventeenth Plenary took place in York, the Assembly Elections had been held and negotiations were proceeding on the establishment of the Executive. The Plenary met under the shadow of the tragic events at Omagh, where a car-bombing resulted in the greatest loss of life of any terrorist incident in Northern Ireland in recent history and the beginning of the debate on the Political Motion was marked by a minute's silence in memory both of the victims of the Omagh bombing and of all acts of violence.

10. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Right honourable Dr Mo Mowlam MP, addressed the Assembly and answered oral questions from Members, following which the Body debated the current political situation and unanimously agreed the following Resolution:

That the Body welcomes the approval of the Belfast Agreement by majorities of 71 per cent in Northern Ireland and 94 per cent in the Republic in the two referendums,

which thereby mandated the two Governments fully to implement the Agreement; is pleased that parties supporting the Agreement gained a majority of seats in the elections for the Northern Ireland Assembly and strongly believes that the implementation of the Agreement will help to bring about a new era of peace, stability and cooperation; expresses its revulsion at the atrocity committed in Omagh; commends the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach on their positive response in the immediate aftermath of the Omagh atrocity and notes the initiative, taken by both Governments, which was endorsed by large majorities in both Parliaments; and utterly repudiates and condemns any continuation of acts of violence from whatever source.

11. The Body took note of two Reports:

- the Report of the Committee on Economic and Social Affairs [Doc. 58] on matters relating to the Road and Rail Links on the Island of Ireland, and
- the Report of the Committee on International and European Affairs [Doc. 59] on matters relating to International and European Union Involvement with the Peace Process.

Both Reports were subsequently forwarded to the two Governments for their observations, and responses are awaited.

12. At the following day's sitting the Body debated its future, in the light of developments foreshadowed in the Belfast Agreement, using as a basis for the debate a paper entitled *The Future of the Body* [Doc. 60] which had been prepared under the authority of the Steering Committee. In the course of that debate, a consensus emerged for setting up a Working Group on the Future of the Body, and the Steering Committee subsequently established a small Working Group to explore the options.

13. At the end of that debate (which concluded with the Plenary resolving to take note of the Paper), the Body was addressed briefly by three guests; Conseiller Laurie Morgan of Guernsey, Mr Speaker Noel Cringle of Tynwald, Isle of Man, and Senator Pierre Horsfall of Jersey had been invited as observers subsequent to the proposal in the Belfast Agreement that a Council should be established to bring together the two sovereign Governments, the devolved Governments in Scotland and Wales, and the three Island Governments.

Steering Committee

14. The Members of the Steering Committee during the year were Mr Michael O'Kennedy TD and Mr David Winnick MP, Co-Chairmen, and Mr Charles Flanagan TD, Mr Michael Mates MP, Mr Kevin McNamara MP, and Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD, Vice-Chairmen. The Committee met on five occasions; a sixth meeting had been scheduled, but it was decided that the business intended for that meeting could equally well be transacted by correspondence and by contacts between the Clerks.

15. Mr O'Kennedy and Mr Peter Temple-Morris also represented the Body at the dedication in November of the Island of Ireland Peace Park at Messines, in Belgium, in memory of all those from both jurisdictions who served and died in the First World War. The dedication, which was the culmination of a project initiated by Mr Paddy Harte (a former Member of the Body) and Mr Glenn Barr, was held in the presence of HM the Queen, the President of Ireland and the King of the Belgians.

Committees

16. As a result of the two General Elections in 1997, only two Committees were able to present Reports which were debated during the year: from Committee C on Road and Rail Links on the Island of Ireland, and from Committee B on International and European Union Involvement with the Peace Process. In view of the fast-changing nature of the political situation throughout 1998, Committee A (Political and Security Affairs) chose not to present any Report, preferring to maintain a watching brief on developments. The activities of the Committee D (Culture, Education and the Environment) were somewhat hampered by the fact that its initial inquiry, on the environmental effects of discharges from BNFL's nuclear reprocessing facility at Sellafield, became the subject of proceedings in the Irish courts, and therefore potentially *sub judice* in the sense in which that term is understood both in the Oireachtas and at Westminster.

Prospects for 1999

17. It is expected that Committees B, C and D will all produce Reports during the course of the coming year: Committee B is looking at the consequences of reform of the Common Agricultural Policy for Northern Ireland and the border counties, Committee C is studying the future for small farms in the rural economy, and Committee D is about to conclude its inquiry into the development of integrated education, education for mutual understanding (EMU) and the development of teaching in the medium of Irish.

18. As noted above, the Steering Committee has agreed to establish a small Working Group on the future of the Body, with the intention of presenting an oral Report to the Spring Plenary and a formal written Report to the Summer Plenary. But much depends on how the political situation progresses and the speed at which the provisions of the Belfast Agreement are implemented. 1999 is likely to be a year of consolidation for the Body, as the new institutions bed down.

APPENDIX 1

Members of the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body Ireland

Members of the Body - January 1997

FULL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mr Michael O'Kennedy TD (*Co-Chairman*) Mr Bernard Allen TD

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)	Mr Liam Aylward TD
Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)	Senator Enda Bonner
Mr Andrew Boylan TD	Mr Paul Bradford TD
Senator Joe Costello	Mr John Brady TD
Ms Mary Coughlan TD	Mr Matt Brennan TD
Mr Seymour Crawford TD	Mr John Browne TD (Carlow-Kilkenny)
Mr Austin Currie TD	Senator Frank Chambers
Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD	Mr Proinsias de Rossa TD
Mr John Ellis TD	Mr Seán Doherty TD
Senator Edward Haughey	Senator Pat Gallagher
Senator Mary Henry	Senator Tony Kett
Mr Conor Lenihan TD	Senator Ann Leonard
Mr Tony Killeen TD	Senator Maurice Manning
Mr Séamus Kirk TD	Mr Michael Moynihan TD
Senator Helen Keogh	Ms Breeda Moynihan-Cronin TD
Mr Brendan McGahon TD	Senator Francis O'Brien
Ms Marian McGennis TD	Mr John Perry TD
Mr Dinny McGinley TD	Mr Gerry Reynolds TD
Senator Paddy McGowan	Senator Shane Ross
Senator Paschal Mooney	
Mr Caoimhghín O Caoláin TD	
Mr Brian O'Shea TD	
Mr Michael Ring TD	
Mr Brendan Smith TD	

United Kingdom
Members of the Body - January 1998

FULL MEMBERS

Mr David Winnick MP (*Co-Chairman*)
 Mr Michael Mates MP (*Vice-Chairman*)
 Mr Kevin McNamara MP (*Vice-Chairman*)
 Mr Harry Barnes MP
 Mr Joe Benton MP
 Mr Gerry Bermingham MP
 Lord Blease
 The Rt hon Peter Brooke PC MP
 Mr Dennis Canavan MP
 Mr Michael Colvin MP
 Mrs Maria Fyfe MP
 Dr Norman Godman MP
 Lord Holme of Cheltenham CBE
 Mr John Home Robertson MP
 Mr Robert Jackson MP
 Mr Seamus Mallon MP

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mr Nick Ainger MP
 Lord Alderdice
 Mr John Austin MP
 Ms Jean Corston MP
 Mr Jeff Ennis MP
 Lord Glentoran CBE
 Mr John Grogan MP
 Mr Nick Hawkins MP
 Ms Kate Hoey MP
 Ms Helen Jackson MP
 Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC
 Lord Lyell
 Mr Eddie McGrady MP
 Mr John McWilliam MP
 Ms Margaret Moran MP
 Baroness O'Cathain OBE

Rt hon Lord Merlyn-Rees PC
Mr William O'Brien MP
Mr Lembit Öpik MP
Lord Rathcavan
Mr Andrew Robathan MP
Mr Roger Stott CBE MP
Mr David Wilshire MP

Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP
Mr David Tredinnick MP
Mr Robert Walter MP

APPENDIX 2
Reports and other documents approved by the Body
Fifteenth Plenary, Cavan, 30 - 31 March 1998

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Body takes note of the Second Annual Report of the Body.

Seventeenth Plenary, York, 22-23 September 1998

ROAD AND RAIL LINKS ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Body notes the report of the Committee on Economic and Social Affairs [Doc. 58] on matters relating to the Road and Rail Links on the Island of Ireland, and agrees with the conclusions and recommendations of the report, which should be forwarded to both Governments for their observations.

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN UNION INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PEACE PROCESS

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Body notes the report of the Committee on International and European Affairs [Doc. 59] on matters relating to International and European Union Involvement with the Peace Process, and agrees with the conclusions and recommendations of the report, which should be forwarded to both Governments for their observations.

THE FUTURE OF THE BODY

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Body takes note of the paper entitled *The Future of the Body* [Doc. 60].

APPENDIX 3
Work of Committees
Committee A
Political and Security

1. Committee A's activities during 1998 were largely dictated by the pace of political developments throughout the year. It was agreed that it was not practical to produce full Reports on specific inquiries and the Committee instead took on a general monitoring role. The Committee met formally on five occasions, three times as part of working visits and twice during plenary sessions.
2. The Committee visited Belfast, Armagh and Monaghan in February to look at policing issues and possible steps towards reducing or relaxing security measures in response to the changes in the security situation; the Committee received detailed briefings from the security forces on both sides of the border. This was followed by a further visit to Belfast in May to discuss the issue of parades with the Chairman, Mr Alastair Graham, and other members of the Parades Commission. The Committee also corresponded with both Governments about the status of 'paramilitary' prisoners. The Committee ended the year with a meeting in London in December to discuss the work of the Independent Commission on Policing with its Chairman, Mr Chris Patten, and with other members.
3. The Committee plans to visit Belfast early in 1999 to discuss decommissioning and demilitarisation with relevant bodies.

Attendance at Meetings of Committee A in 1998

Meeting in Ballymacscanlon, 2 February 1998:

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Dr Norman Godman MP (Vice-Chairman), Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP, Mr Dennis Canavan MP, Senator Joe Costello, Senator Helen Keogh, Mr Tony Killeen TD, Mr Michael Mates MP, Mr Dinny McGinley TD, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD

Meeting in Dublin, 15 May 1998:

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Dr Norman Godman MP (Vice-Chairman), Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP, Mr Dennis Canavan MP, Senator Joe Costello, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Senator Helen Keogh, Mr Michael Mates MP, Mr Dinny McGinley TD, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD

Meeting in Belfast, 29 May 1998:

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Dr Norman Godman MP (Vice-Chairman), Lord Alderdice (*substitute*), Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP, Mr Dennis Canavan MP, Senator

Helen Keogh, Mr Tony Killeen TD, Mr Seamus Mallon MP, Mr Michael Mates MP, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD

Meeting in York, 22 September 1998:

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Mr Dennis Canavan MP, Senator Joe Costello, Lord Glentoran (*substitute*), Senator Helen Keogh, Mr Tony Killeen TD, Mr Michael Mates MP, Mr Dinny McGinley TD, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD

Meeting in London, 14 December 1998:

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Dr Norman Godman MP (Vice-Chairman), Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP, Senator Joe Costello, Lord Glentoran (*substitute*), Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Senator Helen Keogh, Mr Dinny McGinley TD, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD

The following Members attended an inquorate meeting at the Slieve Russell Hotel, 31 March 1998:

Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Senator Joe Costello, Senator Helen Keogh, Mr Tony Killeen TD, Mr Michael Mates MP, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD, Lord Glentoran (observer)

Committee B
European and International Affairs

1. During 1998 Committee B held five meetings (two in Ireland and three in Britain) and completed one report.
2. In January the Committee announced the terms of reference for its inquiry into EU and International Involvement in the Northern Ireland Peace Process and invited written submissions. In connection with this inquiry the Committee visited Dublin on 19 and 20 February. The Committee held meetings with the First Secretary (Political) at the US Embassy, officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the British Ambassador.
3. The Committee met in London on 12 and 13 March and held meetings related to the inquiry with officials from the Northern Ireland Office, the Chairman and Joint Directors General of the International Fund for Ireland, a representative of the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Director of the Finnish Institute in London, and Mr Simon Partridge, a political analyst. The Northern Ireland Office officials were requested to supply information on the extent to which recommendations in the Committee's previous reports on the EU Peace and Reconciliation Programme and INTERREG had been adopted. On this occasion the Committee also held a meeting with General John de Chastelain, one of the Independent Chairmen of Talks, to discuss issues relating to arms decommissioning.

4. On 31 March the Committee met at the Plenary in Co. Cavan, and further discussed their current inquiry. It was agreed that final decisions on the detail of the inquiry could only be taken when the outcome of the current peace negotiations was known, and in particular the extent of any proposals for international involvement in securing a settlement and monitoring its implementation. Following the May referendums, the Clerk wrote to all previous witnesses seeking further comments, asking in particular about what they expected their future role in the process to be.

5. On 31 July the Committee met at Westminster and agreed its report, which was subsequently debated at the Plenary held in York on 21-23 September.

6. On 22 September the Committee met and decided that its next inquiry would be into the consequences of reform of the Common Agricultural Policy for Northern Ireland and the border counties, with the following terms of reference:

"the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (Agenda 2000), with particular reference to the impact of the enlargement of the European Union, Economic and Monetary Union, and regional policy on the rural economies of the island of Ireland."

7. Written evidence has been received; and the Committee hopes to hold at least one oral evidence session before the March Plenary, with a view to producing a report later in 1999.

Attendance at Meetings of Committee B in 1998

Meeting in Dublin, 20 February 1998:

Mr Michael Colvin MP (Chairman), Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Harry Barnes MP, Ms Mary Coughlan TD, Mr Seymour Crawford TD, Mr John Ellis TD, Senator Mary Henry, Mr Robert Jackson MP.

Meeting in London, 12 March 1998:

Mr Michael Colvin MP (Chairman), Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Harry Barnes MP, Mr Gerry Bermingham MP, Ms Mary Coughlan TD, Mr Seymour Crawford TD, Mr John Ellis TD, Senator Mary Henry, Mr John Home Robertson MP, Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Meeting in Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan, 31 March 1998:

Mr Michael Colvin MP (Chairman), Mr Harry Barnes MP, Ms Mary Coughlan TD, Mr Seymour Crawford TD, Mr John Ellis TD, Senator Mary Henry, Mr John Home Robertson MP, Senator Paschal Mooney, Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Meeting in London, 31 July 1998:

Mr Michael Colvin MP (Chairman), Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Seymour Crawford TD, Mr John Ellis TD, Senator Paschal Mooney, Margaret Moran MP (*substitute*), Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Meeting in York, 22 September 1998:

Mr Michael Colvin MP (Chairman), Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Gerry Bermingham MP, Ms Mary Coughlan TD, Mr Seymour Crawford TD, Mr John Ellis TD, Senator Mary Henry, Mr John Home Robertson MP, Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP, Mr Robert Walter (*substitute*).

Committee C
Economic and Social Affairs

1. In 1998 the Committee met on five occasions, made two visits to Ireland, North and South, and completed one Report.
2. The Committee met in Dublin on 25 February in connection with its inquiry into Road and Rail Links for the island of Ireland. This was the Committee's first meeting on the subject and evidence was taken from three cross-border groups representing local authorities in both jurisdictions, IBEC and CBI (Northern Ireland), The National Roads Authority, Irish Rail, and Professor Austin Smith of the University of Ulster.
3. At the Slieve Russell, Co. Cavan, plenary the Committee held a meeting to plan progress on its current inquiry and consider possible subjects for future study.
4. On 2 June the Committee gathered in Dublin and then travelled by "Enterprise" rail service to Belfast. Meetings were held in Belfast with Lord Dubs and officials of the Department of the Environment, Irish Rail and Translink/NITHC, and with the Women's Coalition. The Committee later travelled to Derry and Omagh to complete its programme of evidence taking with meetings with Derry City Council, Omagh District Council and further meetings with cross-border groups.
5. On 7 July the Committee met in Dublin to agree its report on Road and Rail Links for the island of Ireland.
6. At the York Plenary on 22 September the Committee's report on Road and Rail Links for the island of Ireland was debated. A response to the report by the British Government was received on 7 November. At the Committee's meeting in York it was decided that "The future for small farms in the rural economy" should be the subject for the next inquiry. Evidence taking was to begin in December but a variety of factors led to the postponement of that meeting.

Attendance at meetings of Committee C in 1998

Meeting in Dublin, 25 February 1998:

Mr Séamus Kirk TD (Chairman), Mr Kevin McNamara MP (Vice-Chairman), Lord Blease, Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Ms Maria Fyfe MP, Mr Brian O'Shea TD, Lord Rathcavan, Mr Michael Ring TD, Mr Brendan Smith TD

Meeting in, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan, 31 March 1998:

Mr Kevin McNamara MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Senator Paddy McGowan, Mr Brian O'Shea TD, Lord Rathcavan, Mr Michael Ring TD, Mr Brendan Smith TD:

Visit to Dublin, Belfast, Derry and Omagh, 2 and 3 June 1998:

Mr Séamus Kirk TD (Chairman), Mr Kevin McNamara MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Joe Benton MP, Lord Blease, Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Ms Maria Fyfe MP, Senator Paddy McGowan, Mr Brian O'Shea TD, Lord Rathcavan, Mr Michael Ring TD, Mr Brendan Smith TD.

Meeting in Dublin, 7 July 1998:

Mr Kevin McNamara MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Joe Benton MP, Lord Blease, Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Ms Maria Fyfe MP, Mr Brian O'Shea TD, Mr Michael Ring TD, Mr Brendan Smith TD

Meeting in York, 22 September 1998:

Mr Séamus Kirk TD (Chairman), Mr Kevin McNamara MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Joe Benton MP, Lord Blease, Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Ms Maria Fyfe MP, Mr Brian O'Shea TD, Lord Rathcavan, Mr Michael Ring TD, Mr Brendan Smith TD.

Committee D
Culture, Education and the Environment

1. Since February 1998, Committee D has been conducting an inquiry into Education and Inter-Community relations. This inquiry follows the Committee's 1995 report on the same subject and investigates the development of integrated education, education for mutual understanding (EMU) and the development of teaching in the medium of Irish.
2. During the inquiry the Committee has visited Dublin and made two visits to Belfast to meet the Ministers for Education and officials in the Republic and the North. The Committee has also held meetings with representatives of the teaching profession, pupils and parents on both sides of the border, representatives of the Gaelscoileanna movement, the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE), the Irish National Council for Curriculum Assessment and with representatives of the Catholic and Protestant Churches.

Attendance at meetings of Committee D in 1998

Meeting in Dublin, 18 February 1998:

Mr Roger Stott CBE MP (Chairman), Ms Marian McGennis TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Mr Brendan McGahon TD, Mr William O'Brien MP,

Visit to Belfast, 22-24 March 1998:

Mr Roger Stott CBE MP (Chairman), Ms Marian McGennis TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Mr Brendan McGahon TD, Mr William O'Brien MP

Meeting in Ballyconnell, Co.Cavan, 31 March 1998:

Mr Roger Stott CBE MP (Chairman), Ms Marian McGennis TD, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Lord Merlyn- Rees, Mr Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD

Meeting in Dublin, 13-14 May 1998:

Mr Roger Stott CBE MP (Chairman), Ms Marian McGennis TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD, Jean Corston MP (*substitute*), Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Mr Brendan McGahon TD, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Mr William O'Brien MP

Meeting in York, 22 September 1998:

Mr Roger Stott CBE MP (Chairman), Mr Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD, Jean Corston MP (*substitute*), Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr Sean Doherty TD (*substitute*), Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Mr Brendan McGahon TD, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Mr William O'Brien MP, Mr David Tredinnick MP (*substitute*)

The following Members attended an inquorate meeting in Belfast, 11-13 November 1998:

Mr Roger Stott CBE MP (Chairman), Ms Marian McGennis TD (Vice-Chairman), Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Mr Brendan McGahon TD

APPENDIX 4 Staff of the Body in 1998

<i>Ireland:</i>	<i>United Kingdom:</i>
<i>Clerk: Mr John Roycroft</i>	<i>Clerk: Mr Frank Cranmer</i>
<i>Counsellor/Adviser: Mr Breandán Ó Caollaí / Mr</i>	<i>Consultant: Brigadier John</i>

<i>Gerry Staunton / Mr Stephen Dawson</i>	<i>Oborne</i>
<i>Clerk, Committee A: Mr Breandán Ó Caollaí / Mr Gerry Staunton / Mr Stephen Dawson</i>	<i>Shadow Clerk, Committee A: Mr Crispin Poyser</i>
<i>Shadow Clerk, Committee B: Ms Niamh Ryan / Mr Miles Geiran / Ms Sìle MacGuire / Mr Stephen Dawson</i>	<i>Clerk, Committee B: Dr Robin James</i>
<i>Clerk, Committee C: Mr Breandán Ó Caollaí / Mr Gerry Staunton / Mr Stephen Dawson</i>	<i>Shadow Clerk, Committee C: Mr Alistair Doherty / Mr Frank Cranmer</i>
<i>Shadow Clerk, Committee D: Ms Niamh Ryan / Ms Mary Browne / Mr Stephen Dawson</i> <i>Administrators: Mrs Veronica Carr and Ms Rosanna Losty</i>	<i>Clerk, Committee D: Dr Lucy Moulard</i> <i>Administrator: Miss Amanda Hay</i> <i>Secretary: Mrs Barbara Hunter</i>

Media Consultant: Mr Mike Burns