



**BRITISH-IRISH
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THE WORK OF THE BRITISH-IRISH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY

Introduction

1. This is the fifth 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 2000.
2. The year 2000 was a momentous one in Northern Ireland's progress towards peace and security. It began with the Northern Ireland Executive and the Northern Ireland Assembly in full operation at last. On Friday 11 February the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Peter Mandelson, and the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr John O'Donoghue, received the second report of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning under the chairmanship of General John de Chastelain. At midnight on the same day, however, in the face of increasing political uncertainty as to the future of peace process the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland suspended the operation of devolved government and reintroduced direct rule from Westminster. The suspension continued until midnight on Monday 29 May, when devolved government was restored. As a result, the activities of the Body were carried on against a background of some uncertainty.

The Work of the Body

3. In accordance with the Rules of the Body, two Plenary Sessions were held in 2000: from 14 to 15 February in Westminster and from 9 to 10 October in Galway.
4. During the year there were several changes to the Membership of the Body on the British side. Everyone associated with the Body was deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Michael and Nichola Colvin in a fire at their home. Michael had been a long-serving Member of the Body and was Chairman of Committee B, and Nichola was a regular attender at Plenary sessions. Several Members and staff attended their memorial service at Romsey Abbey.
5. Perhaps the main issue facing the Body itself has been its own future development. It has been the intention of the Body since the advent of devolution to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales that its work should be broadened in some way to incorporate representation from the three devolved parliamentary institutions and from Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Jersey. Although representatives from Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Jersey addressed the 17th Plenary in York, and representatives of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales addressed the 19th Plenary in Cambridge, progress was hampered by the suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
6. Representatives of all six institutions were invited to a meeting with the Steering Committee in June 2000, and it was agreed that they should send representatives (with the right to speak, but not to vote) to the 21st Plenary.

Twentieth Plenary

7. The Twentieth Plenary was held at Westminster from 13 to 16 February in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the first meeting of the Body on 26 February 1990. The Plenary was convened in the Grand Committee Room, Westminster Hall (which is the venue for the experimental additional sittings of the House of Commons, some of which take place simultaneously with sittings in the Chamber itself). The television cameras were present, and Sky Television broadcast the occasion live. The Chairman in the Chair began by reading a message of support and congratulation from the Prime Minister, and the Plenary then heard a statement by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland which was followed by parliamentary questions. At the conclusion of that day's proceedings, Madam Speaker held a reception for Members and staff of the Body.

8. The Body reconvened in Church House, Westminster, to debate the Fourth Annual Report, and the Report of the Committee on Culture, Education and the Environment [Doc. No. 72] on Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (the Gaelic College in Skye) and the Columba Initiative, and the Warrington Project and the further Responses of both Governments and of the Northern Ireland Executive to the Report of the Committee on Culture, Education and the Environment on matters relating to Education and Inter-Community Relations within Northern Ireland [Doc. No. 73]. In the course of the debate on the Motion for the Adjournment on the following day, Mr Kevin McNamara announced he and Ms Jean Corston had met Mr David Blunkett MP, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, on the previous day, and Mr Blunkett had agreed to provide Government funding for the Warrington Project.

9. The Body then debated the Report of the Committee on Economic and Social Affairs [Doc. No. 70] on the Future for Small Farms in the Rural Economy, together with the Responses of both Governments to the previous Report of the Committee on European and International Affairs on matters relating to Common Agricultural Policy Reform [Doc. No. 71]. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the response of the British Government to the Report on the CAP, and it was agreed that a further response should be requested.

10. On the second day, the Body held a wide-ranging debate on the progress in implementing the Belfast Agreement against the background of the suspension of devolved government three days previously and the hope that the devolved institutions would be revived as soon as possible. As on previous occasions, much of the debate centred on the lack of progress on the decommissioning of terrorist weaponry. An Amendment proposed by Lord Glentoran to make explicit reference in the Motion to the need to implement all aspects of the Agreement *including the decommissioning of all illegally-held arms by all paramilitary groups*; after debate, the Amendment was withdrawn. The text of the Body's Resolution, which was agreed unanimously, is as follows:

That the Body, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, renews its commitment to work towards peace and understanding between all our peoples and to the continued working cooperation between the two sovereign Parliaments; welcomes the very substantial progress that had been made

*since its last Plenary in the implementation of the Belfast Agreement; however, notes with the utmost concern the serious difficulties now being encountered; calls on all parties to do everything in their power to secure the earliest re-establishment of the democratic institutions in accordance with the overwhelmingly expressed decision in referenda in the island of Ireland, North and South, and the full implementation of **all aspects of the Agreement**.*

Twenty-first Plenary

11. By the time the Twenty-first Plenary took place in Galway, devolved government in Northern Ireland had been restored. In pursuance of the aim of widening the membership of the Body, the Plenary was attended by representatives from the National Assembly for Wales, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Scottish Parliament, the States of Guernsey, and Tynwald. The representative from Guernsey also represented the States of Jersey. All were invited to take a full part in the proceedings.

12. The sitting began with full morning's debate on recent political developments introduced by Brian Hayes TD, who has succeeded Charles Flanagan TD as the senior Fine Gael member of the Irish delegation and Chairman of Committee A on Mr Flanagan's appointment as Opposition Chief Whip in the Dáil. The text of the Body's Resolution, which was agreed unanimously, is as follows:

That the Body, conscious of the difficulties being faced by the two Governments and the parties in their efforts to achieve the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, welcomes the progress made so far, and urges both Governments and all parties to redouble their efforts to overcome the present problems.

In the afternoon the Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern TD, made a statement to the Body and answered parliamentary questions. After a brief suspension, the Body turned to debates on Government Responses to Committee Reports on Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and the Columba Initiative, and the Warrington Project, on the Future for Small Farms in the Rural Economy, and on Common Agricultural Policy Reform

13. The main business on the second day was a debate on the future of the Body, and an amendment to the Rules to enable the Steering Committee to make transitional provisions which would bring representatives of the other parliamentary institutions into membership. While there was a general consensus that the Body should be enlarged to incorporate representatives from the new devolved parliamentary institutions and the islands, a note of caution was sounded by those who were concerned to preserve equality between the two sovereign parliaments. After a lively debate, the Body agreed the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the Discussion Paper on the Future of the Body [Doc. No. 77] entitled 'The Future of the Body - A Further Consideration'.

With Mr O Caoláin abstaining, the Body then agreed a temporary change in the Rules to permit the Steering Committee to make transitional provision for the accession of the devolved institutions and islands, preferring Mr Bermingham's amended version to the original draft proposed by the Steering Committee.

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 Brian Hayes TD, Mr Michael Mates MP, Mr Kevin McNamara MP, and Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD, Vice-Chairmen. The Committee met on five occasions. As noted above, Mr Hayes replaced Mr Flanagan as a Vice-Chairman during the course of the year. Representatives of the devolved institutions and the islands attended the meetings on 19 June, 8 October and 4 December.

15. At its meeting on 4 December the Steering Committee considered the issue of the mechanisms by which representatives of the devolved institutions and the Crown dependencies could be brought into active membership of the Body. The Committee decided that this would be best achieved by offering them full membership, but that the position of the two sovereign parliaments should be protected by a change to the Rule on voting to provide that any motion, in order to pass, would have to be supported by a majority of British and Irish Members present and voting.

Committees

16. At its meeting on 20 June the Steering Committee decided that the names of the Committees should be changed to reflect the changes in responsibilities arising from the restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland, as follows:

- A: Political Committee
- B: European Affairs Committee
- C: Economic Committee
- D: Environmental and Social Committee.

At its meeting on 4 December the Steering Committee further decided, in the light of the potential accession of members from the devolved institutions and the Crown dependencies, Committee A would be renamed the "Committee on Sovereign Matters".

Prospects for 2001

16. The prospects for the Body for 2001 depend most of all on two issues: progress in developing the Body into a parliamentary assembly which brings together parliamentarians from throughout the territory of Great Britain and Ireland, and the continuation of peace in Northern Ireland. As to the first, the Body is feeling its way towards an expanded role; the second is dependent upon the efforts of others.

APPENDIX 2

Reports and other documents approved by the Body Twentieth Plenary, Westminster, 14-15 February 2000

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the Fourth Annual Report of the Body [Doc. No. 69].

SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG AND THE COLUMBA INITIATIVE, AND THE WARRINGTON PROJECT

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the Report of the Committee on Culture, Education and the Environment [Doc. No. 72] on Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and the Columba Initiative, and the Warrington Project, and agrees with the conclusions and recommendations of the Report, which should be forwarded to both Governments for their observations.

EDUCATION AND INTER-COMMUNITY RELATIONS - A STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE 1995

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the further Responses of both Governments and of the Northern Ireland Executive to the Report of the Committee on Culture, Education and the Environment on matters relating to Education and Inter-Community Relations within Northern Ireland [Doc. No. 73].

THE RURAL ECONOMY

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Body takes note of the Report of the Committee on Economic and Social Affairs [Doc. No. 70] on the Future for Small Farms in the Rural Economy, and agrees with the conclusions and recommendations of the Report, which should be forwarded to both Governments for their observations.

CAP REFORM

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body, having taken note of the Responses of both Governments to the Report of the Committee on European and International Affairs on matters relating to Common Agricultural Policy Reform [Doc. No. 71], requests detailed comments on its recommendations from the British Government

Twenty-first Plenary, Galway 9-10 October 2000

SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG AND THE COLUMBA INITIATIVE, AND THE WARRINGTON PROJECT

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the responses of both Governments to the Report of the Committee on Culture, Education and the Environment [Doc. No. 74] on Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and the Columba Initiative, and the Warrington Project.

THE RURAL ECONOMY

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the responses of both Governments to the Report of the Committee on Economic and Social Affairs [Doc. No. 75] on the Future for Small Farms in the Rural Economy.

CAP REFORM

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the further Observations of the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture to the Report of the Committee on European and International Affairs on matters relating to Common Agricultural Policy Reform [Doc. No. 76].

FUTURE OF THE BODY

The Body agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Body takes note of the Discussion Paper on the Future of the Body [Doc. No. 77] entitled 'The Future of the Body - A Further Consideration'.

APPENDIX 3

Work of Committees

Committee A

Committee on Sovereign Matters (changed from Political and Security Committee)

1. As in previous years, Committee A continued during 2000 to undertake a general monitoring role regarding political and security matters in Northern Ireland. The Committee met formally on five occasions, three times as part of working visits and twice during plenary sessions.
2. The Committee met at the London Plenary in February, and the Chairman reported orally to the Plenary on the Committee's work. At that meeting it was

decided to seek a meeting with the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning; and the meeting took place in March. The Committee and Commission discussed the events which had taken place earlier that year and the prospects for the decommissioning of weapons by the various paramilitary groups. During the same visit, the Committee had a meeting with RUC officers involved in a community policing scheme in the Markets area of Belfast. It also discussed with the Northern Ireland Police Authority developments in policing in Northern Ireland, including particularly the implications of the Patten report.

3. In April, the Committee visited Northern Ireland again, this time once again to focus on the issue of demilitarisation/normalisation. Members went to South Armagh, where they had the opportunity to see some of the military installations which remain in the area, and had discussions in Crossmaglen with local councillors from both the SDLP and Sinn Féin. The Committee then went on to Belfast, where they had a meeting with Sir Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable of the RUC. Discussions ranged over the general security situation in Northern Ireland, the implications of the Patten Report, and other matters related to the Committee's remit.

4. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr Charles Flanagan TD, resigned from the Committee at the Plenary in Galway in September in order to take up new duties in the Dáil. He was succeeded by Mr Brian Hayes, TD. Mr Hayes continued at the Galway plenary the practice of reporting orally to the Body on the Committee's work.

5. Following the meeting of the Committee at the Galway plenary, a further visit was undertaken in November, chiefly to discuss issues relating to parades. After a meeting with the Parades Commission, the Committee lunched with Brian Currin, Chairman of the Northern Ireland Sentences Review Commission, who had been acting as a mediator in respect of the parties concerned with the Drumcree parade. The Committee then travelled to Portadown, where they discussed matters concerning that parade both with representatives of the local Orange Order and with representatives of the Garvaghy Road Residents Coalition. The Committee stayed overnight in Derry.

6. The following day, the Committee called on the Mayor of Derry, Councillor Cathal Crumley, and was able to pay brief visits to the venue of the tribunal of inquiry into the events of 'Bloody Sunday', and to the Bloody Sunday Centre nearby. The Committee then had a discussion with Paul O'Connor of the Pat Finucane Centre, which is concerned with the defence of human rights in Northern Ireland, and a briefing from local members of the security forces. Finally, the Committee met Adam Ingram, MP, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, and discussed with him various matters relating to the political and security situation in Northern Ireland.

7. The Committee hopes that its Chairman, Mr Brian Hayes TD, will be able to provide the plenary with an oral report of its continuing work at the plenary session in Killarney in February.

Attendance at Meetings of Committee A in 2000

Monday 14 February 2000, Church House, Westminster: 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 Dinny McGinley TD, Mr Michael Mates MP, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD.

Monday 13th March 2000, Belfast: Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Dr Norman Godman MP (Vice-Chairman), Rt Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Mr Dennis Canavan MP, Senator Joe Costello, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD.

Monday 17th April 2000, Crossmaglen and Belfast: Mr Charles Flanagan TD (Chairman), Dr Norman Godman MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Tony Killeen TD, Dr Rory O'Hanlon TD, Mr John McWilliam (for Mr Dennis Canavan), Lord Alderdice (in Belfast) (for Lord Redesdale).

Tuesday 10 October 2000, Galway: Mr Brian Hayes TD (Chairman), Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP, Mr Dinny McGinley TD, Mr Michael Mates MP.

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November 2000, Belfast, Portadown and Derry: Dr Norman Godman MP (Acting Chairman), Senator Helen Keogh, Mr Tony Killeen TD, Mr Dinny McGinley TD, Mr John McWilliam MP (for Mr Dennis Canavan).

Committee B

European Affairs Committee (changed from European and International Affairs Committee)

1. The Committee's programme this year was overshadowed by the tragic death of its Chairman, Mr Michael Colvin MP, with his wife Nichola, on 24 February. Mr Robert Jackson MP was in due course appointed Chairman in Mr Colvin's place.
2. During 2000 the Committee held five meetings (two in Ireland, two in London and one in Scotland).
3. The Committee's principal inquiry was into transport to and from the island of Ireland. This was a broad-ranging inquiry dealing with transport connections by air, sea and land, both for passengers and freight.
4. In connection with this inquiry the Committee took initial evidence at Leinster House, Dublin, on 31 January, from civil servants of the Department of Public Enterprise (dealing with aviation and road haulage matters) and of the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources (dealing with maritime transport), as well as from representatives of the Irish Business Employers' Confederation. On 14 February the Committee met during the London Plenary at Church House, Westminster and discussed the future of the inquiry. On 12 April the Committee met at the House of Commons and took evidence from officials of the Department of the Environment and from representatives of the Confederation of British Industry. On 10 October the

Committee met at the Galway Plenary. On 26 November the Committee met in Edinburgh and held informal discussions with the Irish Consul-General, Mr Dan Mulhall. The following day the Committee met in Leith, and took evidence from the Scottish Minister for Transport, Ms Sarah Boyack, and officials of the Scottish Executive, as well as from representatives of the Freight Transport Association and Dumfries and Galloway Council. The Committee then visited the Scottish Parliament and held discussions with its Transport and Environment Committee.

5. Further meetings in connection with the transport inquiry are planned, including visits to the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff and the Northern Ireland Assembly in Belfast.

Attendance at meetings of Committee B in 2000

Monday 31 January 2000, Leinster House, Dublin: Mr Michael Colvin MP (in the Chair); Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman); Mr Harry Barnes MP; Mr Seymour Crawford TD; Mr John Ellis TD; Senator Mary Henry; Ms Geraldine Smith MP; Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Monday 14 February 2000, Church House, Westminster: Mr Michael Colvin MP (in the Chair); Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman); Mr Harry Barnes MP; Mr Gerry Bermingham MP; Mr Seymour Crawford TD; Mr John Ellis TD; Senator Mary Henry; Mr Robert Jackson MP; Senator Paschal Mooney; Ms Geraldine Smith MP; Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Wednesday 12 April 2000, 1 Parliament Street, Westminster: Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman, called to the Chair); Mr Harry Barnes MP; Mrs Mary Coughlan TD; Mr Seymour Crawford TD; Mr John Ellis TD; Mr Robert Jackson MP; Senator Paschal Mooney; Ms Geraldine Smith MP; Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Tuesday 10 October 2000, Galway: Mr Robert Jackson MP (in the Chair); Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman); Mr Harry Barnes MP; Mr Gerry Bermingham MP; Mrs Mary Coughlan TD; Mr Seymour Crawford TD; Mr John Ellis TD; Mr Dominic Grieve MP; Senator Mary Henry; Senator Paschal Mooney; Mr Peter Temple-Morris MP.

Monday 27 November 2000, Scottish Executive offices, Leith (morning), Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh (afternoon): Mr Robert Jackson MP (in the Chair); Mr Austin Currie TD (Vice-Chairman); Mr Harry Barnes MP; Mrs Mary Coughlan TD; Mr Seymour Crawford TD; Mr John Ellis TD; Mr Dominic Grieve MP; Senator Paschal Mooney.

Committee C

Economic Committee (changed from Economic and Social Affairs Committee)

1. In 2000 the Committee met on three occasions, made one visit to Ireland and completed one Report.

2. The Committee met on 14th February to agree its report on the Role of Small Farms in the Rural Economy. The Report was debated at the London Plenary and adopted by the Body. In line with usual practice, the Report was then sent to both Governments for their responses, which were debated at the Galway Plenary in September.
3. At the meeting on 14th February, the Committee resolved to conduct an inquiry into the promotion, marketing and development of tourism on the island of Ireland. Following the receipt of written submissions, the Committee visited Co. Cavan on 17th/18th July to hold meetings with Bord Failte Eireann and Waterways Ireland as well as visiting the Shannon-Erne Waterway, an impressive cross-border tourism project. As a result of the discussions held during the visit, and in view of the negotiations underway aimed at establishing cross-border tourism institutions, the Committee decided to change the focus of the inquiry away from the organization of tourism promotion to look instead at the economic role which tourism plays.
4. The Committee plans to visit Belfast and the Antrim coast in January and to complete its inquiry in time for the Autumn Plenary.

Attendance at meetings of Committee C in 2000

Meeting in London, 14th February 2000: Mr Séamus Kirk TD (Chairman), Mr William O'Brien MP (Vice-Chairman), Lord Blease, Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Maria Fyfe MP, Ms Cecilia Keaveney TD, Sir Brian Mawhinney MP, Mr Michael Ring TD.

Meeting in Co. Cavan, 17/18th July 2000: Mr William O'Brien MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Joe Benton MP, Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Mr Jeff Ennis MP, Maria Fyfe MP, Ms Cecilia Keaveney TD, Mr Brian O'Shea TD, Mr Brendan Smith TD.

Meeting in Galway, 10th October 2000: Mr William O'Brien MP (Vice-Chairman), Mr Andrew Boylan TD, Maria Fyfe MP, Ms Cecilia Keaveney TD, Sir Brian Mawhinney MP.

Committee D

Environmental and Social Committee (changed from Culture, Education and Environment Committee)

1. In February 2000 Committee D met in Dublin to agree a report on the Columba Initiative, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and the Warrington Project. This report followed the Committee's 1999 report on Education and Inter-community Relations and was a result of the Committee's desire to investigate in more depth two of the projects which came to their attention in the course of the work for the 1999 report. The second education report was debated at the Plenary in Church House, London on 14th February. On that day, members of the Committee met with the Minister for Education and Employment, the Rt. Hon. David Blunkett MP, to press the case for increased funding for the Warrington Project. This meeting was arranged by Jean Corston MP, a member of Committee D and PPS to the Mr Blunkett. The Minister gave a favourable hearing to the Committee: as a result of this meeting officials from

the Department met with representatives of the Project and additional funding was secured.

2. The Committee decided at the February Plenary that the new subject for enquiry would be "the cultural significance of parades". In July, at the height of the marching season, the Committee made a wide-ranging three day visit to Belfast and Derry to discuss parades. The Committee met with representatives of residents' groups, the Parades Commission, the Apprentice Boys of Derry, academics engaged in research into parades and representatives from the Northern Ireland Office. The Committee also visited the Ulster Folk Museum to see an Orange Lodge which had been rebuilt on the museum site.

3. At the October Plenary in Galway, the Committee reviewed the progress of the inquiry and agreed to make two further visits, the first to Killeel and Donegal to meet with representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Orange Order and the second to Liverpool and Glasgow to examine the cultural significance of parades in Great Britain. It is hoped to present the parades report to the first Plenary session of 2001.

Attendance at meetings of Committee D in 2000

Leinster House, Dublin 1 February 2000: Ms Jean Corston MP, Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Ms Marian McGennis TD (Vice-Chair) ,Mr Kevin McNamara MP.

Church House, London, 14 February 2000: Ms Jean Corston MP, Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Lord Glentoran, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Ms Marian McGennis TD, Mr Brendan McGahon TD, Mr Kevin McNamara MP, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Mr Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD, Mr Lembit Öpik MP

Visit to Belfast and Derry, 3-5 July 2000: Mr Nick Ainger MP, Ms Jane Corston MP, Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Mr John McFall MP, Mr Brendan McGahon TD, Ms Marian McGennis TD, Mr Kevin McNamara MP

Galway Bay Hotel, 10 October 2000: Ms Jean Corston MP, Senator Edward Haughey, Mr Conor Lenihan TD, Mr John McFall MP, Mr Kevin McNamara MP

Mr Lembit Öpik MP, Mr Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD.

APPENDIX 4

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