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 This note reports briefly on the current state of play in relation to a possible bid to attract the Olympic Games to Ireland.

- 2. Representatives of the Dublin International Sports Council visited Belfast on 15 June. Their feasibility studies were, it was claimed, proceeding more satisfactorily than anticipated and it was planned to publish a paper in September; I have a copy of an interim paper. They were continuing to build up the credibility of an Irish bid by mounting other international quality events.
- 3. The concept of a Dublin bid for the Olympic Games with some of the events being held in Northern Ireland was openly discussed in the media at the beginning of July and attracted no adverse reaction from unionists.
- 4. I remain impressed by the way in which a serious Dublin bid for the Olympic Games is being prepared and the willingness of those involved to seek our participation in hosting the Games.

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