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DATE: 6 MARCH 1995

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Mr Bell - B
Mr Williams - B
Mr Stephens - B
Mr Brooker - B
Mrs Brown - B
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FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

1. We discussed the growing number of invitations emanating from the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation and the need to provide Departments will guidance on how to respond to these.
2. I attach a draft note to NI Permanent Secretaries, copied to Private Offices, which draws upon Martin Williams' submission of 1 February 1995 and the response from Michael Ancram and the Secretary of State.
3. I would be grateful for confirmation from yourself and copy recipients that my interpretation is correct and that Central Secretariat should issue guidance to NI Departments.

[Signed LD]

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NI PERMANENT SECRETARIES

FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

1. In light of the increasing number of invitations issuing from the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, I felt it would be useful to provide guidance to Departments on how to respond to these.
2. At the present time, it is not considered appropriate for Ministers or officials to accept invitations to participate in the Forum. If such invitations are received by Heads of Boards it is a matter for the individuals concerned to decide whether or not to accept. However, participation by Heads of Boards, whether orally or through submission of papers, must be qualified by a rider that the views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Government.

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3. Officials may, if it is considered worthwhile, attend the Forum as observers although care must be taken not to give the impression of participation.
4. All proposed attendances at the Forum must be cleared by the appropriate Minister and copied to the Secretary of State's office, Central Secretariat and RID.

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