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#### **US SUPPORT FOR PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

*An update on progress in capitalising on President Clinton's announcement on 1 November 1994 of US support for peace in Northern Ireland has not been prepared since 3 February. Ministers are likely to seek a further update before the Washington Conference and the purpose of this minute is to seek contributions.*

*The support items included in President Clinton's announcement were:-*

- 1. White House Conference for Trade and Investment. Mr Maxwell is responsible for Northern Ireland's contribution to this and is reporting separately. I do not see any need to include details of the arrangements in this update.*
- 2. Support for Belfast Investment Conference. An update on the outcome of this is being provided separately by IDB.*
- 3. Increased funding for IFI. I would be grateful if Mr Briant could provide an update on the approval process and any indications of how the money might be spent.*



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3. *Science and Technology. Again, this is likely to feature strongly in any briefing for the Washington Conference but I would, nevertheless, be grateful if Mr McConnell could provide a summary of progress please.*
4. *Business Information Centre for Trade and Investment. The last update notes that we might achieve little from this other than the possibility of James Gray becoming a subscriber to the database. I should be grateful if you or IDB could update me please.*
5. *Business Intern Training Programme. Mr Walters to provide a brief update please.*
6. *USIA and NED Programmes. It was agreed that NIO would take the lead on these and I should be grateful for an update from Mr Maccabe please.*
7. *US Agency for International Development. Mr Buckland was to arrange contacts with this organisation through you and I should be grateful for any update. You might be interested in the attached advert which I saw in this week's "Economist"; and*
8. *Trade and Development Agency. I have seen Janet McIver's minute to Nigel Hamilton on this and would be grateful if Nigel could give me a paragraph for inclusion in the update.*

*Briefing is likely to be sought by Ministers around the beginning of May and I should, therefore, be grateful for contributions by 28 April.*

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