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POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION

1. General Economic Matters

Periodic meetings between Finance officials on both sides and between representatives of Economic Councils to exchange information, experience and forecasts (as in Economic Policy Committee of OECD). Particular attention to common objectives in regard to promotion of economic growth, attraction of foreign industries and capital, reduction of unemployment, regional development.

2. Physical Planning and Construction

Consultation at central and local levels on physical planning policies and practices, including regional planning and industrial location. Exchange of information in regard to planning surveys and research. Preservation of areas of natural beauty (e.g., Loughs Melvin, Erne and Foyle) and other natural amenities of tourist value. Harmonisation of policies and cooperation, where appropriate, in contiguous areas in relation to such matters as roads, road traffic, water and sewerage, housing, drainage and schools.

3. Administrative Problems

Consultation and cooperation in such matters as organisation and methods and training courses, etc.

4. Education

Cross-border interchange of pupils, scholarships and teachers, where convenience, economy and other circumstances render this appropriate. Educational research, particularly relating to teaching of languages and problems of mental handicap. Pooling of knowledge and experience in relation to school building.

5. Health Services

Cross-border arrangements (including sharing of cost) for hospital and specialist services, in case of road accidents, maternity, blood transfusions, etc., where convenience and urgency make this desirable.

6. Electricity

High tension connections. Technical cooperation. Possible joint development of nuclear stations.

7. Peat

Cooperation in development of peat resources.

8. Transport

Existing cooperative relations to be continued and extended.

9. Tourism

Joint promotion abroad and greater interflow at home.

10. Forestry

Consultation and cooperation on such matters as the testing of timber grown under Irish conditions, forward planning of industrial development in the timber-using sector and the development of public amenities such as forest parks.

11. Fisheries and Game

Consultation on sea fisheries policies and problems. Coordination of inland fisheries policies, including, in appropriate cases, joint conservancy arrangements. Collaboration on salmon fishery research. Cooperation in regard to rod and game licences, open game seasons and game protection arrangements. Harmonisation of legislation.

12. Agriculture

Firmer and wider basis for coordinated approach to research /problems

problems. Coordination of inter-area trade in livestock and other agricultural commodities, including butter. Cooperation in livestock and poultry improvement schemes. Joint examination of possibilities of further development of food-processing industries.

13. Trade

Lowering or elimination of tariffs against goods of Northern Ireland manufacture. Joint export promotion. Joint participation in trade fairs.

14. Industry

Some joint promotion and at least sufficient coordination to reduce the risk of wasteful bidding against one another. Cooperation in such matters as training for industry, retraining and resettlement, industrial research and testing. Exchange of views on industrial relations.

15. Harmonisation of Legislation in relation to Commerce

Prior consultation in relation to the introduction of legislation affecting commercial activities - Company Law, Business Names, Hire Purchase, etc.

16. Justice

Further cooperation in such fields as reciprocal practising rights for lawyers, administration of charities, common legal journal. Exchange of views on prison reform, probation system, etc.

17. Civil Defence, etc.

Continued cooperative approach to civil defence and allied matters.