

1. TRIPARTITE TALKS **EXTRACT FROM CABINET CONCLUSIONS** 29 September 1975

The Prime Minister gave his colleagues a full report on the tripartite talks at Chequers on 27 and 28 September and of his conversations with Mr Heath and other United Kingdom Ministers on the eve of those talks. While noting that so far as Northern Ireland was directly concerned the talks had served little useful purpose, Ministers generally gave a warm welcome to the stance which the Prime Minister had adopted and to the nature and strength of the views he had communicated to the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and the Republic. Of particular satisfaction was the tacit recognition by Mr Lynch, through his participation in the meeting and involvement in the agreed statement, of the Northern Ireland Premier's status.