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Events move on. Following your remarks at yesterday's Ministerial meeting and our later conversations, I have been in contact throughout the day with UKRep. It seems that the European Commission will now announce tomorrow, Wednesday, its already avowed intention to increase the annual funding of the International Fund for Ireland by 5 mecu per annum over each of the next five years. You told me that Mr McCarter, the Chairman of the International Fund, had been invited to Brussels to be present at the announcement of the good news. This is a development which our Press Offices can wholeheartedly welcome.

2. This issue is, however, distinct from the separate UK initiative, on which I reported to the Secretary of State both last night and this morning, to secure a separate and additional Community Initiative directed at Northern Ireland (and free of the

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