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EU SPECIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION : ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS

1. I am writing to you to emphasise the importance of ensuring that all projects assisted under this Programme are consistent with the themes of peace and reconciliation. It is essential that every project can clearly demonstrate its contribution to these themes. This is particularly important in areas where the activity to be funded is not obviously relevant to the Programme and could be perceived to be part of a Department's normal activities.

2. We are currently liaising with Colin Stutt (the evaluator for the Programme) on the merit of establishing some standard selection criteria for all the projects under Programme. These would probably be linked in some way to broad themes relating to the Programme's overall objectives. All projects would then be required to demonstrate how they contributed to these common objectives as part of the selection process.

3. Finally, I am enclosing for your information a copy of the Structural Funds publicity regulation. In publicising projects under this Programme it is important that the peace and reconciliation dimension is highlighted.

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