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**NOMINATION OF MINISTERS TO ATTEND NORTH SOUTH MINISTERIAL  
COUNCIL SECTORAL MEETING ON TOURISM: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2000**

1. Attached is the nomination form and agenda for the forthcoming North South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting on Tourism.
2. To fulfill the statutory requirement to notify the Executive and Assembly before North South Ministerial Council meetings, the signed nomination form should be copied to the Assembly Presiding Officer with the attached covernote, and to the Secretary and members of the Executive Committee. I should be grateful if you would also arrange circulation to the Northern Ireland Permanent Secretaries.
3. Finally, I would be grateful if you could also fax a copy of the signed form to me.

**ANNE BIRCH  
Executive Committee Secretariat  
Ext 22343**

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**Office of the First Minister  
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**TO: PS/SPEAKER  
Northern Ireland Assembly  
OCTOBER 2000**

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copied to you in fulfilment of the duty placed on the First Minister and Deputy

The attached nomination form and agenda for the North South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting on Tourism is copied to you in fulfilment of the duty placed on the First Minister and Deputy First Minister by Section 52(5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the attached circulated to all Assembly Members.

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**TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**NOMINATION OF MINISTERS TO ATTEND NORTH SOUTH MINISTERIAL  
COUNCIL SECTORAL MEETING ON TOURISM: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2000**

The attached nomination form and Agenda for the North South Ministerial Council Sectoral meeting on Tourism to be held on Friday 27 October 2000 is copied to you in fulfilment of the duty placed on the First Minister and Deputy First Minister by Section 52 (5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

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SECTORAL MEETING ON TOURISM

TO: MR PETER SMALL  
DR AIDEEN McGINLEY  
MR NIGEL HAMILTON  
MR STEPHEN QUINN  
MR PAT CARVILL  
MR CLIVE GOWDY  
MR RONNIE SPENCE  
MR JOHN HUNTER  
MR ALAN SHANNON  
MR BRUCE ROBINSON

OCTOBER 2000

**NOMINATION OF MINISTERS TO ATTEND NORTH SOUTH MINISTERIAL  
COUNCIL SECTORAL MEETING ON TOURISM: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2000**

Please find attached, for your records, a copy of the nomination form and agenda for the North South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting on Tourism to be held on Friday 27 October 2000. Copies have already issued to the Assembly Presiding Officer, Secretary and Members of the Executive Committee.

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DATE:

10/20/2000

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**NOMINATION OF MINISTERS TO ATTEND THE  
NORTH SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL  
SECTORAL MEETING ON TOURISM**

In accordance with Section 52(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the following Ministers are hereby nominated to attend the North South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting on Tourism to be held on Friday 27 October 2000:-

Sir Reg Empey

Dr Sean Farren

The agenda for the meeting is attached.

In fulfilment of the duty placed on us by Section 52(5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, this nomination is being copied to the Assembly Presiding Officer and to the Secretary and members of the Executive Committee.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST MINISTER

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

Joint Secretary (NI)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORM NSMC 1**

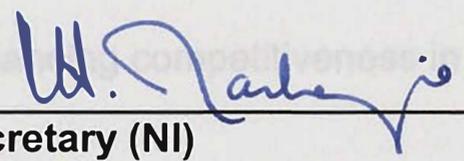
**FROM: JOINT SECRETARY  
North South Ministerial Council  
17 October 2000**

**c.c. Mrs Flanagan  
Mrs Cassells  
Mrs Birch – for action**

**MR TONY McCUSKER  
Director (NSMC Liaison)  
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**NSMC SECTORAL MEETINGS**

1. The NSMC will meet in sectoral format to consider issues relating to Trade and Business Development and Tourism. ✓
2. The date, venue and agenda for the meetings are as follows:-
  - Date of Meeting: Friday 27 October 2000**
  - Venue: Europa Hotel, Belfast**
  - Agenda: See attached**
3. Please advise me which NI Ministers or Junior Ministers are nominated to attend both meetings.

**Signed:**   
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**Joint Secretary (NI)**

North/South Ministerial Council  
Joint Secretariat  
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**NORTH/SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**  
**TRADE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**  
**SECTOR MEETING**

**BELFAST, FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2000**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Remarks by Ministers
2. Chairman's Report – Oral Report
3. Statutory proposals by Body **[Paper NSMC TB 3 (00) 1]**
  - Report on Equity/Venture Capital
  - Report on Development of North/South Placement Programmes
  - Report on Testing and Analytical Services
  - Report on Standards, Certification and Accreditation
4. Oral Report by Chief Executive Officer on administrative issues
5. Appointment of Chief Executive Officer **[Paper NSMC TB 3 (00) 2]**
6. Enhancing competitiveness in the Economies North and South  
**[Paper NSMC TB 3 (00) 3]**
7. Draft Joint Communiqué **[Paper NSMC TB 3 (00) JC]**
8. Date of Next Meeting

## **NSMC PLENARY STATEMENT: FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS**

### **TOURISM**

The first meeting of the North South Ministerial Council in its Tourism Sectoral Council will take place on 27 October 2000 in Belfast. The Ministers responsible for this area, Sir Reg Empey, MLA, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and Dr. James McDaid, TD, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation will chair the meeting.

At this meeting, the NSMC will be asked to take a number of practical decisions to allow for the establishment by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Bord Failte, of a public limited company to market the island of Ireland as a tourist destination in overseas markets.

Decisions, including the structure and staffing levels of the Tourism Company must await the establishment of that Company and this process will begin with the NSMC meeting on 27 October 2000.

### **STUDIES ON THE OBSTACLES TO MOBILITY AND A NORTH/SOUTH CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

The North South Ministerial Council in its Plenary Council agreed to take forward studies on Obstacles to Mobility between the two parts of the island of Ireland and on an Independent North/South Consultative Forum.

Working Groups, comprising officials of both Administrations and the Joint Secretariat, will be established to take the studies forward.

The costs of both studies will be shared equally by both Administrations. In the case of the Obstacles to Mobility study, the Northern Ireland contribution will be £200,000 sterling. A budget for the North/South Consultative Forum study has yet to be agreed.