

NOMINATION OF MINISTERS TO ATTEND THE NORTH SOUTH
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

In accordance with section 52(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the following Ministers are hereby nominated to attend the meeting of the North South Ministerial Council on *[insert date]*:-

[insert names of Ministers]

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

_____ DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

DATE: _____

NOMINATION OF MINISTERS TO ATTEND THE BRITISH-IRISH COUNCIL

In accordance with section 52(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the following Ministers are hereby nominated to attend the meeting of the British-Irish Council on *[insert date]*:-

[insert names of Ministers]

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.

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NORTH/SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PROCEDURE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Memorandum is made between both sides of the Council and sets out supplementary procedural arrangements relating to the proceedings and operation of the Council.
- 1.2 The Memorandum is an informal understanding and is not legally binding. Nothing in it overrides the Multi Party Agreement reached in Belfast on 10 April 1998. Subject to that understanding, both sides will act in accordance with the procedures set out in the Memorandum.
- 1.3 For clarity and ease of reference, the Memorandum reproduces **(in bold type)** relevant paragraphs of the Strand Two section of the Agreement relating to the Council, where appropriate.

2. Purpose of the Council and Membership

Paragraph 1 (extract): **[A] North/South Ministerial Council to be established to bring together those with executive responsibilities in Northern Ireland and the Irish Government, to develop consultation, co-operation and action within the island of Ireland.**

Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Council will be to develop consultation, co-operation and action within the island of Ireland, including through implementation on an all-island and cross-border basis,

on matters of mutual interest within the competence of both sides.

Membership

2.2 Membership of the Council will comprise representatives of the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government. The Northern Ireland Executive shall be represented in the Council by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, members of the Executive Committee and Junior Ministers in the Northern Ireland Assembly, and the Irish Government by the Taoiseach, Ministers of the Irish Government and Ministers of State.

3. Frequency and Format of Meetings

Paragraph 3: The Council to meet in different formats:

- (i) in plenary format twice a year, with Northern Ireland representation led by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and the Irish Government led by the Taoiseach;
- (ii) in specific sectoral formats on a regular and frequent basis with each side represented by the appropriate Minister;
- (iii) in an appropriate format to consider institutional or cross-sectoral matters (including in relation to the EU) and to resolve disagreement.

Plenary

- 3.1 In the Council's meetings in plenary format, those leading on each side will be accompanied by relevant Ministers concerned with North/South co-operation on matters within the competence of both administrations.
- 3.2 At each plenary meeting, the Council will review and as necessary agree a provisional schedule of plenary meetings, including venues, on the basis of one meeting being held in each six-month period. Additional plenary meetings may be held by agreement.
- 3.3 At each plenary meeting the Council will, in conjunction with the determination of an overall work programme for the Council (see paragraph 6.1 below) and with reference to the demarcation of functions within the two administrations, review and as necessary agree upon a list of specific sectoral formats in which meetings of the Council are to be held.

Sectoral

- 3.4 Council meetings in each of these specific sectoral formats will be held on a regular and frequent basis. It is envisaged that this will be at least once each quarter, but it will be subject to review after 12 months.
- 3.5 At each meeting in each sectoral format the council will agree a provisional schedule of meetings in that format, to be reviewed and updated at successive sectoral meetings. Additional meetings may be held by agreement.

Cross-Sectoral

- 3.6 The Council may from time to time decide as appropriate, in the light of its overall work programme, to arrange meetings on cross-sectoral issues involving a number of Ministers on at least one side. Meetings in these formats will occur as frequently as may be deemed necessary.

Institutional/Procedural Matters

- 3.7 The Council will meet by agreement as necessary to consider institutional or procedural matters and to resolve disagreement on these matters between the two sides, in particular where they affect more than one sector or may have implications for the workings of the Council as a whole.
- 3.8 The Irish Government will be represented at such meetings by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Northern Ireland Executive by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister or their nominees.

Venue/Chair

- 3.9 Meetings of the Council in all formats will alternate between North and South, except where it may otherwise exceptionally be agreed, with the venue to be confirmed through the Secretariat as early as possible in advance.
- 3.10 Meetings of the Council will in each case be chaired by a representative or representatives of the host administration.

Support/Servicing

- 3.11 Ministers may be accompanied at Council meetings by their officials and professional/special advisers.
- 3.12 In respect of each format of the Council, there will be close and structured liaison between the Secretariat and the officials of relevant Departments, North and South, with a view to the efficient preparation of meetings of the Council and the discharging of such other tasks as may be assigned.

4. Decision-making

Paragraph 2 (extract): All Council decisions to be by agreement between the two sides.

- 4.1 Any decision by the Council will require the express agreement of the two sides.
- 4.2 Representatives of the two sides will take decisions within the defined authority of those attending, through arrangements in place for co-ordination of executive functions within each jurisdiction.
- 4.3 All decisions will be minuted in an agreed record. A communiqué, reflecting any decisions reached, may be issued after each meeting
- 4.4 Unless otherwise agreed between them in the Council, each side shall be separately responsible for taking whatever action may be necessary to ensure the implementation in its own jurisdiction of a decision of the Council.

5. Agendas

Paragraph 4: Agendas for all meetings to be settled by prior agreement between the two sides, but it will be open to either to propose any matter for consideration or action.

- 5.1 Agendas for each meeting will be agreed in advance through the Secretariat.
- 5.2 It will be open to either side to propose any matter for consideration or action at any time, and each shall, as a minimum, permit the other side to state its view or outline its proposals in regard to any matter of concern to it.
- 5.3 Notwithstanding paragraph 5.2 above, agendas will primarily be prepared in the light of an agreed Council work programme (see immediately below).

6. - Work Programme

Paragraph 5: The Council:

- (i) to exchange information, discuss and consult with a view to co-operating on matters of mutual interest within the competence of both Administrations, North and South;
- (ii) to use best endeavours to reach agreement on the adoption of common policies, in areas where there is a mutual cross-border and all-island benefit, and which are within the competence of both Administrations, North and South, making determined efforts to overcome any disagreements;
- (iii) to take decisions by agreement on policies for implementation separately in each jurisdiction, in relevant meaningful areas within the competence of both Administrations, North and South.

6.1 The Council in its plenary format will take an overview of co-operation and set its overall parameters. Within that context, the Council at its meetings in each sectoral format will review and agree a work programme for that format, covering matters of mutual interest within the competence of both administrations.

6.2 Each side in the Council will, as far as possible, keep the other side informed of significant developments in its jurisdiction in regard to matters relevant to the work of the Council.

7. Funding

Paragraph 15 (extract): Funding to be provided by the two Administrations on the basis that the Council constitute[s] a necessary public function.

- 7.1 The costs of meetings of the Council will be borne by the host administration, with travel and subsistence costs for Ministers and officials being borne by their administrations.
- 7.2 Staff costs arising from the allocation of officials to the Secretariat will be met by their parent administrations.
- 7.3 All other costs associated with the Secretariat or the Council will be divided equally between the two administrations.
- 7.4 The Council will, meeting in its dedicated institutional format, consider and agree, in advance of each financial year, an overall financial allocation for such other costs.

8. Secretariat

Paragraph 16: The Council to be supported by a standing joint Secretariat, staffed by members of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and the Irish Civil Service.

- 8.1 The Standing Joint Secretariat will be headed by Joint Secretaries, one appointed by each administration.
- 8.2 Each side will also nominate a deputy Joint Secretary and such other senior administrative and clerical support staff as necessary to carry out the Secretariat's functions, as may be agreed by both sides.

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- 8.3 Officials from the two sides of the Secretariat will work alongside one another in shared office accommodation. The Joint Secretariat will be located in Armagh.
- 8.4 The functions of the Secretariat will include:
 - arranging the schedule of Council meeting in different formats;
 - securing prior political/Ministerial agreement to agendas for meetings of the Council;
 - preparing or commissioning papers for meetings of the Council, including in relation to its work programme;
 - drafting communiqués and records of decisions of the Council;
 - communicating decisions of the Council and monitoring their implementation;
 - drafting an annual report on the proceedings of the Council;
 - acting as a channel of communication with Implementation Bodies;
 - liaising, where appropriate through the designated Department or Office in either jurisdiction, with the **Secretariat of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference**, with the Secretariat of the British-Irish Council, and with the North/South joint parliamentary

forum and independent consultative forum when established;

- carrying out such other tasks as the Council may direct.

8.5 Each side will provide all necessary information to the Secretariat and to implementation bodies. All information supplied to the Secretariat will be treated as confidential unless otherwise stated or covered by any Code of Practice on access to information approved by the Council.

9. EU Matters

Paragraph 17: The Council to consider the European Union dimension of relevant matters, including the implementation of EU policies and programmes and proposals under consideration in the EU framework. Arrangements to be made to ensure that the views of the Council are taken into account and represented appropriately at relevant EU meetings.

9.1 The Council's work programme and the agendas of its meetings will take due account of the European Union dimension of relevant matters.

9.2 The views of the Council on any such matter will be conveyed by the Secretariat to the British Government, with a request that it take full account of these views in formulating its own policy and reflect them, as far as possible, in the stance it takes at EU meetings. The Irish Government will reflect the views of the Council in its stance at all meetings.

10. Dispute Resolution

Paragraph 3 (iii) (extract): The Council to meet in an appropriate format to resolve disagreement.

Paragraph 14: Disagreements within the Council to be addressed in the format described at paragraph 3(iii) above or in the plenary format. By agreement between the two sides, experts could be appointed to consider a particular matter and report.

- 10.1 The Council will meet by agreement as necessary to resolve disagreements between the two sides, in particular where issues affect more than one sector or may have implications for the workings of the Council as a whole.
- 10.2 The Irish Government will be represented at such meetings by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Northern Ireland Executive by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister or their nominees.

11. Amendment

- 11.1 Amendments to this Memorandum may be proposed at any time by either side and will take immediate effect by mutual agreement unless otherwise specified.

12. Review

- 12.1 Any aspect of the work of the Council may be reviewed at any time by agreement between the two sides. The Council will contribute as appropriate to any relevant review under the Agreement.

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MEMORANDUM ON PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE

The Memorandum is an informal understanding and does not constitute a legally binding agreement. Nothing in it overrides the Multi-Party Agreement reached at Belfast on 10 April 1998 ("the Multi-Party Agreement"). Subject to that understanding, members are invited to act in accordance with the arrangements set out in the Memorandum.

Provisions of the Multi-Party Agreement and relevant supplementary arrangements

1. **A British-Irish Council (BIC) will be established under a new British-Irish Agreement to promote the harmonious and mutually beneficial development of the totality of relationships among the peoples of these islands.**

The BIC is established by the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing the British-Irish Council done at Dublin on 8 March 1999.

2. **Membership of the BIC will comprise representatives of the British and Irish Governments, devolved institutions in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, when established, and, if appropriate, elsewhere in the United Kingdom, together with representatives of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.**

- (a) The following participating administrations will constitute the membership of the BIC:

- the Irish Government;
- the British Government;
- the Northern Ireland Executive Committee;
- the Scottish Executive;
- the Cabinet of the National Assembly for Wales;
- the Government of the Isle of Man;
- the Bailiwick of Guernsey;
- the Bailiwick of Jersey;**

together with such other devolved institutions (but not local government bodies) as may be established at a future date in the regions of England.

- (b) Any administration may decide not to participate in a BIC meeting. The

absence of representatives of a particular administration will not invalidate the proceedings.

3. **The BIC will meet in different formats: at summit level, twice per year; in specific sectoral format on a regular basis, with each side represented by the appropriate Minister; in an appropriate format to consider cross-sectoral matters.**
 - (a) There will normally be two summit-level meetings each year. Each participating administration will normally be represented by the head(s) of that administration (the Prime Minister, the Taoiseach, the Northern Ireland First Minister and Deputy First Minister, the Scottish First Minister, the Welsh First Secretary and, in the Islands, the appropriate authorities). In the event of inability to attend, a substitute may attend. The heads of the administrations will be accompanied by such other members of their administrations as they deem appropriate.
 - (b) In the period between summit-level meetings, sectoral or cross-sectoral meetings will be convened as required to pursue the BIC's approved work programme (see paragraph 5 below). Each member will normally be represented by the responsible Minister or Ministers (or their equivalent) appropriate to the issue under discussion, together with such other delegation members as have been nominated.
 - (c) The BIC in any format may constitute working groups of officials to prepare its business and to carry out tasks remitted to them.
 - (d) The BIC will, at its first summit-level meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, establish a schedule for the location of future summit-level meetings. This schedule will be updated or revised as necessary from time to time. Equivalent schedules may also be drawn up in each sectoral and cross-sectoral format. While there is no requirement for a uniform schedule of locations to apply across all formats, members will endeavour to achieve the maximum possible degree of coordination between them. There will be no requirement on any member to host meetings. The same member may be designated to act as host of successive meetings.
 - (e) Save where otherwise decided by the members, meetings of the BIC, in all formats, will normally be chaired by the host member.
 - (f) The member designated as chair of any meeting of the BIC (hereafter the Chairing Member - CM) will, in consultation with the BIC secretariat, prepare for circulation to other members a draft agenda for that meeting, and will take full account of their views in preparing a definitive agenda. **Any member may propose any matter for discussion in the appropriate format.**
 - (g) The CM will work closely with the BIC secretariat in coordinating the preparation of reports for meetings of the BIC and its working groups, and in the other work of the secretariat in supporting the Council.

4. **Representatives of members will operate in accordance with whatever procedures for democratic authority and accountability are in force in their respective elected institutions.**
5. **The BIC will exchange information, discuss, consult and use best endeavours to reach agreement on cooperation on matters of mutual interest within the competence of the relevant Administrations. Suitable issues for early discussion in the BIC could include transport links, agricultural issues, environmental issues, cultural issues, health issues, education issues and approaches to EU issues. Suitable arrangements to be made for practical cooperation on agreed policies.**

A work programme will be adopted at the first summit-level meeting of the BIC or as soon as possible thereafter, and will be reviewed and amended as required at each successive summit-level meeting. More detailed work programmes relating to individual topics may be drawn up in the appropriate sectoral or cross-sectoral format.

- 6 & 7. **It will be open to the BIC to agree common policies or common actions. Individual members may opt not to participate in such common policies and common action.**

The BIC will normally operate by consensus. In relation to decisions on common policies or common actions, including their means of implementation, it will operate by agreement of all members participating in such policies or actions.

Members opting not to participate in common policies or common actions will not thereafter be involved in or covered by any decisions in relation to them.

8. **The members of the BIC, on a basis to be agreed between them, will provide such financial support as it may require.**

Save where otherwise decided by the members, the cost of providing meeting facilities and associated expenses in respect of any meeting of the BIC or of an official working group will be met by the host member. Each member will be responsible for the travel and subsistence costs of its own representatives.

9. **A secretariat for the BIC will be provided by the British and Irish Governments in coordination with officials of each of the other members.**

- (a) **The BIC Secretariat will comprise British and Irish officials, based in London and Dublin respectively, in coordination with officials of each of the other members.**

- (b) The Secretariat will assist the CM in preparing agendas for BIC meetings, and in coordinating the preparation of reports to meetings of the BIC. It will draw up the minutes of meetings. It will also compile the annual report referred to below (para. 12).
 - (c) Overall, the Secretariat will have particular regard
 - i. to the guidance of the CM in its work, and
 - ii. to the interests and individual autonomy of each member.
 - (d) The expenses of the Secretariat and other administrative support for the BIC will be met by the British and Irish Governments on a basis to be decided by them.
10. **In addition to the structures provided for under this agreement, it will be open to two or more members to develop bilateral or multilateral arrangements between them. Such arrangements could include, subject to the agreement of the members concerned, mechanisms to enable consultation, cooperation and joint decision making on matters of mutual interest; and mechanisms to implement any joint decisions they may reach. These arrangements will not require the prior approval of the BIC as a whole and will operate independently of it.**
- Except with the approval of the British and Irish Governments, such bilateral or multilateral arrangements will not normally be supported by the Secretariat. However, the development of such arrangements, and progress made in work carried out under them, may with participants' approval be reported for information to the BIC as a whole.
11. **The elected institutions of the members will be encouraged to develop interparliamentary links, perhaps building on the British-Irish Interparliamentary Body.**
- The BIC, at an early summit-level meeting, will consider how it might address this issue in conjunction with the elected institutions involved and with the BIIPB.
12. **The full membership of the BIC will keep under review the workings of the Council, including a formal published review at an appropriate time after the Agreement comes into effect, and will contribute as appropriate to any review of the overall political agreement arising from the multi-party negotiations.**

The BIC will publish an annual report on its operations, to be compiled by its Secretariat and approved by the members. The question of when it might be appropriate to prepare a formal published review of the BIC's

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workings will be kept under consideration.

**BRITISH-IRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SUPPLEMENTARY
PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Introduction

1.1 This Memorandum is made between the British and Irish Governments and constitutes a shared understanding regarding supplementary procedural arrangements relating to the operation of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference.

1.2 The Memorandum is an informal understanding and does not constitute a legally binding agreement. Nothing in it overrides the Multi-Party Agreement; nor does it have a bearing on those provisions of that Agreement concerning internal arrangements (constitutional, legislative or otherwise), in either jurisdiction, relating to democratic authority, accountability and the discharge and co-ordination of executive functions. Subject to that understanding, both sides will act in accordance with the procedures set out in the Memorandum.

2. Purpose of the Conference and Membership

2.1 The purpose and membership of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference will be as set out in the Multi-Party Agreement. It will remain open to both Governments to conduct bilateral business outside the Conference.

3. **Meetings of the Conference**

- 3.1 The two Governments will decide on an initial schedule of meetings of the Conference including regular and frequent meetings relating to non-devolved Northern Ireland matters. Additional meetings of the Conference may be convened at the request of either Government.
- 3.2 The Conference will normally meet at Summit level at least twice a year.
- 3.3 The Conference may remit to be considered by appropriate Ministers or officials, including the Secretariat, any matter coming before it.
- 3.4 The Conference may convene at any location within the United Kingdom or Ireland as jointly determined by the two Governments.
- 3.5 The agenda for each Conference meeting will be jointly decided in advance by the two Governments through the Secretariat.

4. **Northern Ireland Administration**

- 4.1 Where non-devolved matters relating to Northern Ireland are to be discussed at a meeting of the Conference, the Northern Ireland First Minister and the Northern Ireland Deputy First Minister acting jointly will ensure that there is relevant cross-community attendance at the meeting by Northern Ireland Ministers and junior Ministers ('Northern Ireland administration representatives'). The failure to attend or non-participation of Northern Ireland administration representatives will not, however,

prevent the holding of a meeting of the Conference or otherwise affect its proceedings.

- 4.2 In accordance with the Multi-Party Agreement, the Conference will keep under review the workings of the British-Irish Agreement and the machinery and institutions established under it, including a formal published review three years after the Agreement comes into effect. Northern Ireland administration representatives will be invited to express views to the Conference in this context.
- 4.3 The Joint Secretariat will normally notify the First and Deputy First Minister no less than ten working days in advance of any Conference meetings and circulate an agenda no less than five working days in advance. The First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, and other members of the Northern Ireland Executive may make proposals concerning the agenda. However, it will be for the two Governments jointly to determine the content, order and format of Conference agenda.
- 4.4 Meetings of the Conference will normally begin with a bilateral session between the appropriate Ministers of the two Governments and their officials and advisers. When security-related matters are under discussion, such meetings may include police and security advisers and may be in restricted format. Where appropriate, the two Governments will subsequently give the Northern Ireland administration representatives, at the outset of the plenary sessions, a short oral report on discussions in the bilateral session.
- 4.5 Northern Ireland administration representatives may participate in discussion of all issues considered in the sessions which they

attend. Officials of and advisers to Northern Ireland administration representatives may also attend.

5. **Statements of the Conference**

- 5.1 Any statements issued at the close of Conference meetings will be jointly decided by the two Governments. The two Governments will, where appropriate, take account of the views of the Northern Ireland administration representatives.

6. **Secretariat and Support**

- 6.1 The standing Joint Secretariat will be constituted and will, under the Multi-Party Agreement, operate in accordance with arrangements to be determined from time to time by the two Governments.
- 6.2 The Secretariat will provide support for the Conference, as appropriate, across its full remit to enable the Conference to carry out its functions. It may liaise as necessary with officials employed by or seconded to, or acting as support for the North-South Ministerial Council, the British-Irish Council, the Implementation Bodies, those of any other bilateral arrangements between the two Governments concerning matters of particular relevance to Northern Ireland as well as with the relevant Departments of the British and Irish Governments.
- 6.3 The Secretariat will be based in Northern Ireland. The two Governments will also designate officials in London and Dublin to support the work of the Secretariat, co-ordinate arrangements for Summit level meetings of the Conference and promote bilateral co-operation at all levels on matters of mutual interest.

7. **Funding**

- 7.1 The costs of each Conference meeting will be borne by the host Government with the travel and associated costs of Ministers, advisers and officials being borne by their respective Governments. The exception to this latter provision is the associated costs of Ministers, advisors and officials of the Northern Ireland Administration. These should be met directly from the funds of the Northern Ireland administration.
- 7.2 The two Governments will share the other costs arising from the operation of the Conference as well as the costs of the Joint Secretariat on an equitable basis to be determined by them.

8. **Review and entry into operation**

- 8.1 The arrangements in this Memorandum may be reviewed and varied by joint decision of the two Governments who will, where appropriate, take account of the views of the First Minister, Deputy First Minister, and of other members of the Northern Ireland Executive.
- 8.2 It will also be open to the First Minister, Deputy First Minister, and other members of the Northern Ireland Executive, to make proposals for changes in these arrangements in relation to the discussion of non-devolved Northern Ireland matters.

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APPENDIX E

MEMBERSHIP OF LLOYD'S

1. A Minister holding office as First Minister, deputy First Minister, the Minister with responsibility for Finance, the Minister with responsibility for Trade & Industry or junior Ministers in these two departments or in the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister should not become an underwriting member of Lloyd's. Such a Minister, if already a member of Lloyd's on appointment, should cease underwriting during tenure of that office.
2. Apart from those Ministers covered by the specific requirements of paragraph 1 above, any Minister who is an underwriting member of Lloyd's should not take an active part in the management of the affairs of syndicates of which he/she is a member, and should on appointment as a Minister withdraw from any such active participation in management. Ministers who are underwriting members of Lloyd's should arrange their syndicate participation solely through a Members Agent Pooling Arrangement (MAPA).
3. No Minister who is a current underwriting member of Lloyd's should take part in any departmental or collective discussions or decisions affecting Lloyd's whether directly or indirectly.
4. Some Ministers may have ceased underwriting but still have open syndicate commitments in respect of past membership. Such Ministers should take no part in those departmental or collective discussions or decisions affecting Lloyd's (whether directly or indirectly) if their continuing benefits or liabilities in respect of the period before cessation might thereby be affected, and might therefore make them vulnerable to reasonable suspicion of exerting or being in a position of undue influence.
5. Where a Minister is contemplating investing in a corporate entity at Lloyd's, or has made such an investment prior to Ministerial appointment, the provisions of Section 11 apply.
6. A Minister in whom powers under legislation relating to Lloyd's are vested should not delegate the exercise of those powers to any other Minister who is an underwriting member of Lloyd's or who still has open syndicate commitments in respect of past underwriting.
7. Every Minister is required, on first appointment to Ministerial office, to obtain the First Minister's and deputy First Minister's written permission before continuing a connection with Lloyd's, however nominal. Any Minister wishing to establish or re-establish any such connection during his term of appointment should likewise obtain the First Minister's and deputy First Minister's permission to do so. Before granting permission, the First Minister

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and deputy First Minister will need to be satisfied that the conditions indicated above will be met.

8. In addition, the Secretary of the Executive Committee is required to keep a list of all Ministers who are members of Lloyd's. He will ask all Ministers on appointment for the first time to Ministerial office whether they are a member of Lloyd's and if so whether they propose to continue or to suspend underwriting while they hold that office. He will also ask those Ministers who are members of Lloyd's and who are appointed to a subsequent Ministerial office whether they propose to continue or suspend underwriting while they hold that office.
9. Where a Minister has a shareholding in an investment trust or any other entity which holds a corporate membership of Lloyd's, that shareholding should be treated on the same basis as any other by a Minister, see Section 11.