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To Forum Members

The twentythird meeting of the Northern Ireland Forum for Political Dialogue will be held on Friday 10 January 1997 at 10.00 am on the 3rd Floor of Interpoint, York Street, Belfast.

I attach the Agenda for the meeting.

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NIGEL CARSON

Forum Secretary

NORTHERN IRELAND FORUM FOR POLITICAL DIALOGUE

TWENTYTHIRD MEETING, FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 1997

THE FORUM WILL MEET AT 10.00 AM THE CHAIRMAN WILL TAKE THE CHAIR

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
- 2. Debate on Motion (attached) on Cold Weather Payments to the Elderly (to be conducted under Rule 10(5))
- 3. Debate on Motion (attached) on Invitations to Address the Forum
- 4. Debate on Motion (attached) on Funding for Ulster Scots Groups and Communities

MOTION

To be supplied

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As a way of meeting its objectives of promoting dialogue and understanding, the Forum agrees that individuals and representatives of organisations such as trade unions and community groups should be invited to address the full meeting of the Forum. The first topic for consideration should be Community Relations.

MOTION

This Forum encourages all funding agencies to support the allocation of seeding grants to Ulster-Scots groups and communities.

This Forum further states that, given the funding presently available to Irish cultural organisations, it wishes to see the Ulster-Scots' identity recognised in an equitable fashion.

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Further to my letter of 6 January the following motion will be debated under Item 2 of the Agenda on Friday 10 January.

"This Forum calls on the Government to review its policy on cold weather payments and make mandatory payments to senior citizens during the entire winter period."

NIGEL CARSON Forum Secretary

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