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JOINT DECLARATION TEXT 14A

Following Michael Ancram's meeting yesterday with Mr Molyneux, I attach a revised version of the text which reflects the amendments proposed by Mr Molyneux. Additions are underlined, and deletions shown by blank square brackets.

2. It is perhaps worth noting here that the version which that meeting had before it at the outset was the latest Irish text (JD14) but as amended to include the short form of the constitutional guarantee in paragraph 4; the deletion of the words "freely and collectively" seven lines up from the bottom of paragraph 4; Mr Molyneux's earlier very slight adjustment to Archbishop Eames' wording at the beginning of paragraph 7; and a new paragraph to replace paragraphs 10 and 11 about the Irish Convention.

3. There is a choice whether, in the crucial sentences in paragraph 4, we concede "concurrently" or press for "separately" as the qualifier for North/South consent. We have one of each in the attached draft.

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