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JOINT DECLARATION: FOLLOW-UP

Michael Ancram has seen Mr Dew's note of 14 January to Mr McKervill regarding the former's discussion with Fergus Finlay.

2. The Minister found this account most helpful. It fits into his own proposition that we need a firm structure proposed as the agenda for further Talks. All parties with whom the Minister is meeting (ie, minus DUP) would agree. It is however necessary that this agenda/structure/ set of proposals is not seen just as commentary from the two Governments but is guided largely by last year's and this year's discussions with the parties as to potential common ground - coming from all participants.

3. Given the UUP's fear of round table talks at present, we should be considering other ways of carrying the dialogue forward in a way which will keep the NI parties in, yet satisfy the ROI that the format is strong enough. Michael Ancram would welcome suggestions from copy recipients as to how this might be achieved.

Signed

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