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**JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE: MINUTE TO PRIME MINISTER**

I attach the final version of the minute which the Secretary of State sent to the Prime Minister yesterday evening. Also attached is an annotated version of the Joint Declaration Initiative, which was not in the end sent to the Prime Minister but which the Secretary of State found most useful to draw on in this morning's meeting with the Prime Minister. I am most grateful to Mr Beeton for preparing this.

2. I also attach the final version of the briefing for the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Molyneaux, which was sent to No 10 last night.

3. As a result of this morning's meeting with the Prime Minister, he will be seeing Mr Molyneaux over lunch today. Colleagues agreed that the Joint Declaration text produced at Tuesday's Butler/Nally meeting, with the further amendments proposed by the Secretary of State in his minute of last night and a few other changes, was acceptable.

SIGNED

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