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Dear Roderic,

JOINT DECLARATION: BRIEFING FOR PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH COLLEAGUES

I enclose a brief for the Prime Minister for his meeting with colleagues at 10.00am on Monday.

Attached to the briefing is the text of the Joint Declaration which Ministers present will have seen and have with them. The Prime Minister should therefore work from the attached text.

This text incorporates the proposed UK amendments to paragraph 4, which provide an explicit reference to the statutory constitutional guarantee, but with the amplification of the constitutional guarantee in square brackets. The intention is to show Mr Molyneux a text without the passage in square brackets, but to include this passage in anything we put back to the Irish.

On Monday, I shall let you have a briefing pack on the assumption that the Prime Minister will see Mr Molyneux later on Monday. This pack will include clean copies of the intelligence assessment and the version of the Joint Declaration to be shown to Mr Molyneux. We shall also be providing a draft letter to the Taoiseach.

A copy goes to Sir Robin Butler and Sir Timothy Daunt.

Yours,

*Jonathan*

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