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Blueprint for a new Ireland.

Appendix 1

Secret plan
says Britain
to recognise

APPROVED DESCRIPTION OF ARCHBISHOP EAMES' POSITIONS

- Eames considered that Albert Reynolds had gone further than any previous Taoiseach to recognise the traditions in the North.
- Eames stood by the amendments which he himself had previously proposed to the Joint Declaration.
- Eames continued to be concerned that - although the Irish Convention would lie within the Irish Government's jurisdiction - it could not be sold in the North.

EXCLUSIVE

BRITAIN would acknowledge the legitimacy of the Irish Government under the terms of the document.

The plan also would be to create a new structure within the North and between North and South.

The blueprint for peace drafted by the two governments states that "a new and innovative 'North-South' body... for Northern Ireland... would come about only by changes to Articles 2 and 3 and by a British amendment of the original legislative and judicial structure of the North...".

And British close to Government have told the IRISH PRESS that the amendment of Article 2 would meet the demand of the

document that it is to be long term aimed at reconciling the North with the South.

The Irish draft of the plan envisages two political structures in Northern Ireland and North-South political institutions over a range of issues... (the body of the document is very faint)

It also envisages a new 'North-South' political structure...

The North/South institutions "will have clear institutional identity and purpose and will be sponsored by legislation in both Parliaments to discharge or exercise a range of executive functions on matters which, by virtue of such legislation, the two Governments decide will be administered jointly through the island, or which the two administrations North and

The plan was drafted at the instruction of the two Governments after the Anglo-Irish intergovernmental agreement in December 1985. It was a subject matter of a public debate in London in 1985...

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