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KF notes

Rights + Safeguards

Comments:

- include 'promotion' of HR as well as 'protection'
- Reg said that well since MEP could consider individual + collective rights
- Yes - separate ^{additional + distinct.} Bill of Rights for N.I.
- how might equivalent level of protection in the Republic be ensured. Does HMG have any indication of the Irish govt's view on this
- Yes, ~~parties~~ interested in inviting NGOs, academics to contribute on this issue.
- Function of HRB? Be clear about this, but how much agreement do we need in order to pass it?
- Yes, social + economic rights should be included.
- special court?

? | - MEP likely to object to Convention being able to set aside Orders in Council, but this will happen regardless of Talks.

- We agree that courts should also be able to set aside any measures of New NI legislature which are incompatible with Conventions.

Annex B

UN = outline of legally binding
Obligations — ~~are~~ relatively meaningless
as reservations entered on many articles.