13th September, 1996

Sir Patrick Mayhew Secretary of State, Stormont, Belfast

Dear Sir Patrick,

The Chairperson of the Forum reported to the meeting on Friday, 13th September, 1996 that in response to your letter on Rule A (1) and Rule 13 (1) he has decided to meet with you individually on behalf of the Rules Committee. The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition also has concerns about these Rules which we would like to discuss with you or one of your officials. We were unable to present our views to your two officials who attended the Forum Rules Committee on September 10th as this meeting took place at a time when the Multi-Party Talks were in Plenary Session.

We would appreciate a meeting as soon as possible in order to clarify our position in relation to the Forum. As you probably know there has been much media speculation in recent days and we would like to express our own views directly to you.

Yours sincerely,

Monica McWilliams