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Dear Delegation Secretary,

Following the last meeting of the Forum Sub-Committee on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms and the discussion of the second druft of the study on group accommodation and minority protection, the Forum Secretariat has had further contact with Dr Eide.

We have pointed out a number of typographical errors in the text and have suggested some amendments in the interest of clarity and proper English usage.

We have also discussed with Dr Eide the concern that some of the assumptions made in the Executive Summary in relation to the future status of Northern Ireland might be interpreted as pre-judging or favouring a particular outcome to the peace process. We identified a number of paragraphs in which amendments might be made in order to meet this concern and discussed some limited changes which could broaden the scope without affecting the integrity of his analysis. These changes are included in the attached paper.

Dr Eide has indicated that he would be ready to incorporate such amendments in the text.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this letter and attachments to your representatives on the Sub-Committee and would welcome any comments on the desirability of making the changes indicated.

We would propose in any case that the Sub-Committee take up the matter at its next meeting, on 13 October. Since Dr Eide will attend in the afternoon it will be necessary to schedule an additional session of the Sub-Committee that morning, at 11.30 a.m.

Yours sincerely

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