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Exchange of Letters
Constituting a supplementary Agreement
Between the Government of Ireland
and
the Government of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland
concerning the Interpretation of Certain Terms
in the Implementation Bodies Agreement
signed at Dublin on 8 March 1999

Exchange of Letters dated 8 March 1999

Entered into force on 8 March 1999

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Northern Ireland Office
Belfast

H.E. Mr. David Andrews
Minister for Foreign Affairs

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments.

The Governments acknowledge that it is essential to avoid any problems which may arise from differences in the laws of the two jurisdictions as they apply to the implementation bodies established by their Agreement of 8th March 1999.

For this purpose:

- (i) the Attorneys-General in the two jurisdictions, or such other representatives as each Government may designate, as appropriate, will consult and co-operate as necessary in order to address any problems which may arise concerning the interpretation and application of such laws to the bodies and will report within six months of the entry into force of the Agreement on whether additional steps should be taken.
- (ii) In the event of problems arising from differences in the laws of the two jurisdictions which impede the proper functioning of any of the implementation bodies, the two Governments will consult and co-operate as necessary with a view to taking all appropriate steps to restore harmony.

If the arrangements set out above are acceptable to your Government, I would be grateful for your confirmation that the above sets out the understanding of our two Governments in this matter.

Marjorie Mowlam
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

8 March 1999

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Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dublin

8 March 1999

Rt. Hon. Marjorie Mowlam
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

I have the honour to refer to your letter of today concerning the avoidance of any problems which may arise from differences in the laws of the two jurisdictions as they apply to the implementation bodies established by the Agreement between our two Governments done at Dublin today.

I have the honour to confirm that the arrangements set out in your letter are acceptable to my Government.

David Andrews T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs