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NEW IRELAND FORUMMEETING OF 30th MAY, 1983.Private Session

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1. It was agreed that nine members, with at least one representative from each party, would constitute a quorum.
2. It was agreed that the secretariat would publish a request for written submissions to the Forum in national and provincial newspapers (text annexed).

The Forum would decide on the appropriate follow-up to the submissions made. It would consider, on the basis of the initial response, what further specific organisations or individuals might be invited to contribute. The Forum would decide whether to invite oral presentations as a supplement and whether these would be public or private.

3. Following discussion of whether committees should be established it was agreed that the Forum would pursue its work in plenary session for the present. The Chairman would continue to consult regularly with the party leaders especially as regards the organisation of the work of the Forum. It was agreed to begin with consideration of the economic dimension. Three areas of analysis were identified:

- a) A comparative description of the economic structure and situation, North and South. This would be drawn up by the Forum Secretariat on the basis of existing material and studies;

- b) An assessment of the economic consequences and costs of division and violence (e.g. security, tourism, investment, lost opportunities, impact on various economic sectors, border areas etc.); and
- c) Assessment of the benefits/costs of an integrated approach to economic development on the island.

The Secretariat would pursue these areas of study. Specific studies and expert consultation might be commissioned with the agreement of the party leaders.

4. The deliberations of the private sessions of the Forum would remain confidential. All communication with the media would be made through the Forum Press Officer, Mr Smyth. The Forum would meet in principle every Thursday and/or Friday. There would be no meetings in August. The Secretariat would prepare a list of possible dates of meetings (annexed).

Alternate members of the Forum could be present at all meetings and could be appointed to committees or working parties by the Party Leaders.

5. The next meeting would be held in Dublin Castle on Thursday 23rd June beginning at 11.15.a.m. The agenda would include:
 1. A review of submissions;
 2. Discussion of the economic material prepared by the Secretariat
 3. Other topics which may be suggested to the Chairman by members of the Forum either directly or through the Party Leaders.