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SUBJECT:NI- Forum Suspended

MESSAGE :-

The following NIO press release may be of interest

3. The provisions establishing the Forum lapse at the end of May this year (Section 7(1) of the Act). The Secretary of State may however provide by order that they shall cease to have effect at an earlier point (Section 7(3)); and he is obliged to do so if it appears to him that the talks are concluded or suspended (Section 7(4)). He can by another Order revive the forum provisions to any point up to the end of May 1998, when they will lapse for good.

4. The order is formally titled the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations etc) Act 1996 (Cessation of Section 3) Order 1997.

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