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MESSAGE: Attached is note passed to Commissioner on Friday. With regard to the proposed addition in paragraph 10 I will speak to you tomorrow (Tuesday)

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IN CONFIDENCE

FINANCIAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO PRESIDENT MARTTI AHTISAARI AND MR CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

Paper by the UK and Irish Governments

1. Payments arising from the mandate given to President Ahtisaari and Mr Ramaphosa ("the Inspectors") might consist of two elements:

   i. remuneration in respect of their services; and

   ii. payment of expenses arising from the performance of their duties.

   The following arrangements, which (with appropriate changes) mirror those applying to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning (IICD), are proposed by the two Governments. It is recognised that, given the particular nature of the task to be performed, expenditure under some of these headings may be unlikely to arise in practice.

   Remuneration in respect of services

2. A per diem payment of £500 (sterling) for each day, or part of a day, during which President Ahtisaari and Mr Ramaphosa spend on this task is proposed. Payment might be made on the basis of claims by the Inspectors which would be submitted periodically at their convenience. The question of whether a part-payment is claimed in respect of any particular day would be left to their discretion. Payment can be made in Finnish or South African currency, as appropriate, if that is preferred - such payments to be calculated at the prevailing rate of exchange.

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Payment of expenses

3. All expenses arising from the Inspectors' duties would be met. These could include, but not necessarily be confined to, accommodation, travel within Ireland, the UK and elsewhere while carrying out their duties, and travel to and from their home countries. A sum would also be made available to enable the Inspectors to offer hospitality should they consider that necessary for them to carry out their duties. In addition, a payment of £25 (sterling) per day, or part of a day, spent on their duties or while available for them in Ireland or the UK would be offered to cover all incidental expenses.

4. If the Inspectors wish, a chauffeur driven car could be made available for transport within Ireland and the UK.

5. President Ahtisaari and Mr Ramaphosa would if they wish be given personal credit cards to be used in meeting urgent expenses relating to travel and accommodation arising from their duties as Inspectors.

6. If the Inspectors consider that expenditure other than expenditure already referred to is necessary for the performance of their duties, and the two Governments agree, the Governments would meet the costs of such expenditure.

Miscellaneous

7. The Inspectors would not be liable for the payment of income tax, etc. in respect of payments received for so long as they are not permanently resident in either Ireland or the United Kingdom. Any tax payable would be a matter between President Ahtisaari and Mr Ramaphosa and their home tax authorities.

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8. The IICD's administrative system would be used to make all payments to and in respect of the Inspectors. It is considered that the system works well and is geared to cope with differing currencies and the arrangements existing in the two jurisdictions. The system, as agreed between the two Governments and with the IICD, has been in existence for some time.

9. Costs would be met on a 50/50 basis by the two Governments.

Assistants

10. The assistants to the Inspectors (Ms Jarvenpaa, Mr Kalliokoski and Ms Cooney) **and such technical assistants as may be deemed necessary by the Inspectors** would be covered by the arrangements set out above, save that the daily rate of remuneration (paragraph 2) would be at the level of £150 (sterling), and credit cards would not be made available.

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