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At the direction of the Prime Minister, we are about to establish a new Ministerial Sub-Committee on relations between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. The new Sub-Committee will report as necessary to the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee. Its terms of reference are:

"To keep under review the United Kingdom's relations with the Republic of Ireland, particularly in the context of Her Majesty's Government's policies in Northern Ireland; and to report as necessary to the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee".

2. The Prime Minister, who will chair the Sub-Committee, has instructed me to invite you to be a member of the Sub-Committee. Similar invitations are being sent to the Lord President of the Council, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Chief Secretary, Treasury, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Attorney General, and the Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury.

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3. Other Ministers may be invited to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee when matters affecting their Departments are under discussion.

Robert Armstrong

6 March 1985

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