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PS/Mr Fell
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Mr Pilling
Mr Wilson
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Mr Bell
Mr McNeill
Mr McKervill

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SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS ASPECTS OF SECURITY POLICY
(SECRASP)

Following the Ministerial Conference on 8 January and PUS' submission to PS/Secretary of State of 3 April, it has been agreed to establish a Committee, to be chaired by the Paymaster General, to address issues where security policy interacts with social, economic and community relations policies. As you know the first meeting of this Group, which at the moment has been given the acronym SECRASP (but which is open to change) has been arranged to take place on the VCR on Thursday 6 June at 1600. I am sorry that because of the political talks and other Ministerial commitments no earlier time for the meeting could be found. The purpose of this note is to clarify membership; suggest terms of reference for the Committee and to propose an agenda for the June meeting.

Membership

The Paymaster General is content to proceed with a Committee membership as identified in PUS' submission of 3 April, namely:-

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Paymaster General (Chairman)
Minister of State
Mr Needham
Mr Hanley
Mr Ledlie
Mr Pilling
Mr Hamilton
Mr Wood
Mr Bell
Mr McNeill
Mr McKervill (Secretary)
Other officials (as required)

Those permanent members of the group who cannot attend are invited to field substitutes wherever possible. It is envisaged that ad hoc groups may be established to take forward specific issues discussed by the main Committee. The main Committee will convene as and when required.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference will, of course, be discussed as an agenda item at the first meeting. The Paymaster General has however offered the following:-

- (i) to keep under review the social, economic and community relations aspects of security policy in Northern Ireland;
- (ii) to pave the way for an interface with the security forces for discussion and resolution of specific issues and problems in these fields as they arise: and
- (iii) to report, as required, to the Secretary of State on progress in this area.

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Agenda for 6 June Meeting

It is proposed that the following items will be included on the agenda for the 6 June meeting:-

1. Terms of Reference.
2. The General Interface of Policies (Scene setting paper to be circulated by Mr Bell).
3. Geographical Areas of Concern/Interest:
 - (i) Belfast
 - (ii) Cookstown
 - (iii) South Armagh
 - (iv) Fermanagh
4. Community Relations Aspects of Security Policy
 - (i) Briefing of Security Forces
 - (ii) Peacelines

The Paymaster General would, however, welcome other agenda items which his Ministerial colleagues would like to have discussed at the meeting. If Ministers have any other items for the agenda, I should be grateful if their private offices would notify Mr McKervill in SPOB, by no later than 28 May, following which a finalised agenda will be circulated.

Signed.

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