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JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE

As you know, Sir Robin Butler's minute of 7 December suggested that the Secretary of State might circulate the text (JD.15) which emerged from his meeting with the Irish side yesterday, highlighting and commenting on developments since the Ministerial group last saw it.

- I attach what is I hope a self-explanatory draft which will be circulated with JD.15. No.10 have suggested that this should be an annotated copy to explain the provenance and purpose of various passages. This is in preparation. Annex B is also being prepared.
 - I believe arrangements have been made for the Ministerial group to meet tomorrow at 9.30am.

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