

## AREAS OF POTENTIAL AGREEMENT

- ◆ The development of an enhanced relationship between North and South is in principle desirable, even if the nature, form and extent of that relationship remains to be agreed.
- ◆ In determining those matters which are to be addressed by North and South together, account should be taken, among other things, of the common interest of both parts of the island in a given matter, or the perceived mutual advantage to be derived from addressing a matter together.
- ◆ Interaction between North and South, both in its actual operation and in its future development, must be on the basis of agreement between the two parts of the island.
- ◆ In their management of the North/South relationship, the representatives of democratic institutions North and South must remain democratically accountable to those institutions.
- ◆ Within the North/South relationship, lines of financial and legal authority, responsibility and accountability must be clear.
- ◆ In addition to its practical importance, the development of all-Ireland relationships has a particular significance for the nationalist community within Northern Ireland as a means of expressing and validating their sense of allegiance.