

[DRAFT 30/3/98]

ANNEX A

POTENTIAL AREAS FOR CO-OPERATION

Agriculture

- research, training and advisory services
- development of the bloodstock industry
- animal and plant health
- rural development
- approaches to the Common Agricultural Policy

Education and Training

- education for students with special needs
- education for mutual understanding
- teacher qualifications
- school competitions
- exchanges of teaching staff

Health

- general hospital services
- major accident/emergency planning
- clinical waste disposal
- food safety
- voluntary, community and childcare issues

CONFIDENTIAL

Industrial and Trade Matters

- indigenous industries and the small business sector
- management development services to industry
- trading standards
- industrial and commercially based research
- university and industry-based centres of research excellence
- public purchasing
- university and industry-based centres of research excellence

Marine and Waterways

- approaches to the Common Fisheries Policy
- fish health
- fisheries education research and training

Social Welfare

- welfare fraud

Energy

- energy projects

CONFIDENTIAL

POTENTIAL AREAS FOR JOINT ACTION (USING EXISTING MACHINERY)

The Environment

- environmental protection
- waste management
- pollution control
- mapping
- wildlife conservation

Culture, Heritage and the Arts

- heritage protection and restoration
- cultural promotion abroad
- the Irish language

Health

- disease registries
- post-graduate medical teaching and training
- public health and health promotion
- clinical trials

CONFIDENTIAL

Industrial and Trade Matters

- North/South trade
- promotion and marketing of food, manufactured goods and services

Marine and Waterways

- aquaculture
- marine matters
- drainage

Sport

- promotion and support of joint activities
- strategic planning of facilities

CONFIDENTIAL

POTENTIAL AREAS FOR JOINT ACTION (POSSIBLE NEW BODIES)

Subject to the separate discussion on the role and remit of the North/South Ministerial Council and in particular lines of accountability, the following might be established as new bodies:

- an **Environmental Protection Board** covering co-operation on environmental protection, pollution, waste management and related matters in cross-border areas, as well as the development of a strategic approach for the island as a whole.
- an **EU Programmes Co-ordination Agency** covering work on the North/South INTERREG programme, the Special Programme for Peace and Reconciliation and LEADER II (or its successor).
- a **Transport Planning Board** covering the co-ordination and development of the major transport services in Ireland, including the planning of road networks.
- a **Rivers Management and Development Agency** covering the joint development and management of inland waterways.
- a **Tourism Board** covering promotion, marketing and research for the island as a whole.