

NORTHERN IRELAND WOMEN'S COALITION

STRAND 2

Para 7

In that this is a cross-jurisdictional arrangement, the two Governments will put the necessary enabling legislation in place for the establishment of cross-border implementation bodies with a clear operational remit. With a view to facilitating the effective functioning as rapidly as possible, a working group of the Assembly, [operating under its transitional arrangements(outlined in Paragraph 30 in Strand 1)] [operating during its "shadow" mode(as outlined in Paragraph 3 under Validation, Implementation and Review)] will make preparation for the start-up of the implementation bodies indicated in the Annex at the same time as the start-up of the Assembly proper. The implementation bodies will work within the policies agreed in the North/South Council of Ministers and report to it, subject to normal accountability to the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Oireachtas.

Para 15

Consideration will be given to building on the current consultative civic arrangements in the Republic of Ireland and the new consultative Civic Forum in Northern Ireland. The two administrations will make arrangements for representatives of both fora to meet on a cross-border basis at regular intervals to consider matters referred by either fora or by the North/South Council of Ministers.

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