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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participants

FROM: The Independent Chairmen

SUBJECT: Opportunity to Meet with Members of the Business/Economic Group

Participants will recall the interest, expressed before the summer break, of the Business/Economic Group in meeting with representatives of political parties involved in the multi-party talks as a group (copy of 25 July letter from the Group attached).

The Group has renewed its interest. In order to facilitate such a meeting, the fifth floor committee room has been set aside in Castle Buildings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday 7 October. Party leaders will receive invitations to this meeting from Sir George Quigley on behalf of the Business/Economic Group. Should participants have any questions or comments about this prospective meeting, they should communicate directly with Dr. Quigley after receipt of the invitation.

The meeting of course is not a part of the talks process, but in view of the breadth of economic activity represented by this group, its eminence, and the interest expressed by participants, the British Government thought it right to provide a room for the purpose. The role of the Independent Chairmen in this matter is confined to that of conveyor of messages.