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From: The Strand One Secretariat

To: Strand One Participants

Date: 20 February 1998

Strand One Meeting Monday 23 February 1998

The Chairman of Strand One proposes to hold a Strand One meeting on Monday 23 February starting at 10.30am with discussion of matters arising from the last meeting of Strand One which considered the Strand One Institutional Arrangements paper. Matters arising included: a request by participants for an information paper on the options for filling casual vacancies in elected institutions in European countries; and the proposed committee arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales. Both papers are attached. We also hope to send you over the weekend further information papers on finance issues and Northern Ireland legislation.

We also attach for your consideration the draft minutes of the Strand One meetings held on 2 and 3 February 1998.

At the Strand One meeting on 2 February it was agreed that participants would submit written submissions on the Strand One Institutional Arrangements paper to arrive in the Secretariat by 11 February. To date only one party has provided a written submission and the Secretariat has therefore been unable to progress work on a synthesis of the parties views. It would be helpful if participants could now submit their papers to the Strand One Secretariat no later than 25 February.

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