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Rt. Hon. John Major Prime Minister of the United Kingdom 10, Downing Street London

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for the recent meeting which provided us with the opportunity for a useful exchange of views.

Please find attached a Proposal for a Draft Order in Council which has been commissioned by the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition in response to the publication of the Report of the Independent Review of Parades and Marches, prepared by Dr. Peter North.

We feel it is imperative that the main recommendations of the North Commission are enacted without undue delay, and we present this draft for your information. We have framed the legislative intent of the North Review as an Order in Council, which acts principally to amend the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order of 1987.

It has been suggested that it would be difficult to bring forward legislation in the lifetime of this Parliament. We offer this draft as a contribution to that process, and note the speed with which legislation on decommissioning was laid before the House.

We would be happy to talk to you on any matters arising from our paper.

Yours sincerely,

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