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Prime Minister

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS ETC (NORTHERN IRELAND) BILL

I have seen Mo Mowlam's letter to you of 7 October on the content of the Public Processions etc (Northern Ireland) Bill and the timetable for its introduction and eventual implementation.

2 I am wholly content with what she proposes and would support her suggestion that the Bill be treated on an accelerated timetable. The handling of the more contentious parades at Easter next year would, I agree, be far more difficult if the Commission were unable to play the full part given to it in the Bill.

3 I am sending a copy of this minute to members of IN Committee and to Sir Robin Butler.

John Major

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