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Dear John,

## FOREIGN VISITORS TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Thank you for copying to my predecessor your letter of 16 October to Ken Lindsay about EU Informal meetings in Northern Ireland.

I noted that mention was made in your note of the possibility of holding the regional policy Informal meeting in Northern Ireland during the UK Presidency. Given that reference I think it would be useful if I clarify the position with respect to the regional policy Informal meeting. DTI, DETR and The Scottish Office agreed that the Informal meeting to discuss regional policy along with some other issues should take place in Glasgow on 8 and 9 June. DTI put out a press release to that effect on 13 October and the arrangements for the Informal meeting are well advanced.

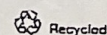
I am copying this letter to Jeff Jacobs (Deputy Prime Minister's Office), Dominick Chilcott (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Alty (Department of Trade and Industry), Ken Lindsay (Northern Ireland Office), June Milligan (Welsh Office) and Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

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