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Dear Ken

## FOREIGN VISITORS TO NORTHERN IRELAND: EU MEETINGS

Thank you for copying to Ken Thomson your letter of 11 November to John Holmes on the above subject. I have also seen John's reply of 13 November.

The approach which you outlined in your letter causes us no difficulty. We are happy to lend our support to your proposal that Northern Ireland should be the venue for an EU meeting on Women's Issues and the meeting of the Bureau of the EU's Committee of the Regions. Please let me know if we can be of any assistance in this.

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

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