

SECRET & PERSONAL**5. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY**

- 5.1 Intergovernmental Conference to be established under a new British-Irish Agreement subsumes both the Anglo/Irish Intergovernmental Council and the IGC established under the 1985 Agreement.
- 5.2 Intergovernmental Conference to comprise British and Irish Governments, each represented by appropriate Ministers. Advisers, including police and security advisers, to attend as appropriate.
- 5.3 Intergovernmental Conference to enable each Government to:
- (i) discuss any matter of mutual interest within competence of either Government (devolved issues to be excluded);
 - (ii) promote co-operation at all levels between the two Governments and among the peoples of these islands;
 - (iii) make determined efforts to resolve disagreements between the two Governments;
 - (iv) keep under review the workings of the new British-Irish Agreement and institutions established under it, including a formal published review three years after the Agreement comes into effect;
- 5.4 When non-devolved issues for Northern Ireland raised, the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission to participate.
- 5.5 All decisions by agreement between both Governments. No derogation of sovereignty of either Government.
- 5.6 Conference to be supported by officials of British and Irish Governments.

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