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Annex B

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Article 2

It is the entitlement and birthright of every person born on the island of Ireland, which includes its islands and seas, to be part, as of right, of the Irish nation, which is also the entitlement of all other persons qualified in accordance with law to be citizens of Ireland. The Irish nation further recognises a special affinity with people of Irish background and origin living abroad, who share in its cultural identity and heritage.

Article 3.1

It is the firm will of the Irish nation to unite all of the people who share the [territory] [island] of Ireland, in all the diversity of their identity and traditions, recognising that a united Ireland should only be brought about by peaceful means with the consent of a majority of the people, democratically expressed, in each of the jurisdictions in the island. Pending that situation, the laws enacted by the Parliament established by this Constitution shall have the same area and extent of application as the laws of Saorstat Eireann.

Article 3.2

Institutions, in which [executive] power is shared between the two jurisdictions on the island, may be established by their respective responsible authorities for specific agreed purposes with authority to exercise their functions in respect of all or any part of the island.

Article 29.4.4

The State may ratify the British-Irish Agreement of [date].

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Art.29 [Provision may be made by law for the circumstances in which the Oireachtas can exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction].

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