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**Irish Draft of Language on East-West Co-operation for Communiqué from
meeting between the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach.
London, 9 December, 1996**

The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach noted with satisfaction the strengthening and development of co-operation over the past year, in all of the areas identified in the programme of co-operation they had agreed in Dublin in December, 1995 and in other areas, including high-level visits and numerous meetings between British and Irish Ministers. The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister expressed their determination to see this co-operation maintained and further developed in 1997.

They attach particular importance to developing further the co-operation in the youth sector. They instructed the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council Working Group on Education and Culture to address at its next meeting specific proposals now under discussion between officials with a view to ensuring steady and organic growth in exchanges. They also instructed officials to explore the scope for enhancing links in the non-governmental field and how this might best be done.

(see next sheet for possible
language on broadcasting)