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PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE TAOISEACH:  
BILATERAL (EAST-WEST) COOPERATION

1. I attach a copy of the Taoiseach's speaking note.
2. As regards material for use either as a statement that could be issued in the names of the principals or during the press conference, I attach:
  - (a) an agreed short text;
  - (b) the longer text which was attached to Dominick Chilcott's letter of 5 December. This is not a matter of controversy between us and Dublin, but the Taoiseach's office are working on a slight variation of it, which they hope to send by fax later this evening.
3. Wally Kirwan (my interlocutor in Dublin) produced the short text because he thought that in the event of frost on the Hume-Adams front our version would be inappropriately lengthy. As indicated at (b) above, he now seems more optimistic.  
*(which has gone to Dublin)*
4. Finally, I also attach a form of words on broadcasting, an amended version of a draft from the Taoiseach's office, along with their original (On the substance harmony reigns: you already have a note on the subject). Our version has been cleared as necessary at this end.

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