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From the Private Secretary

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE: 1-3 MAY

We have been passed the enclosed letter from the Chairman of the Economic Development Sub-Committee of Belfast City Council, Reg Empey, about an international Economic Development Conference which Belfast City Council is planning to host on 1-3 May. The letter seeks the Prime Minister's (or the Chancellor's) participation.

I should be grateful for advice, which might also update us on where matters stand on the economic development conference that you were I think contemplating holding at the QEII Centre in London at about the same time (my letter of 18 December).

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