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8 March 1999

Dear JH,

IMPLEMENTATION BODIES: LETTER FROM GERRY ADAMS

Thank you for your letter of 3 March enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister from Gerry Adams.

Adams was concerned that the UUP were seeking specific assurances that if the Assembly fell, so too would the implementation bodies.

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I attach a short, self-explanatory draft for the Prime Minister signature.

Yr ever
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March 1999

Thank you for your letter of 3 March about the implementation bodies.

The Treaty establishing the six implementation bodies was signed in Dublin ~~by yesterday~~ on Monday]. I understand that a copy has been forwarded to you and as you will see it faithfully reflects the language of the Agreement.

I hope this is reassuring.

FROM: DAVID BROOKER
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8 MARCH 1999

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Mr Kyle

MINISTER'S CASE PML 43/99

**IMPLEMENTATION BODIES: LETTER FROM GERRY ADAMS TO THE
PRIME MINISTER**

You asked for advice on John Sawers' letter of 3 March, enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister from Gerry Adams. Adams was concerned that the UUP were negotiating assurances that if the Assembly fell, so too would the implementation bodies.

2. This issue was dealt with in the drafting of the Treaty establishing the first six implementation bodies. The Treaty does no more than reflect the language of the Agreement. The Preamble quotes the section from the Agreement which describes the new institutions as interlocking and interdependent. We can therefore deal with Mr Adams' concern by a simple reference to the way that the Treaty has been drafted.

3. I attach a draft.

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DRAFT LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY DAVID KYLE

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