

LANGUAGE SECTOR

THE NORTH/SOUTH LANGUAGE BODY (IRISH LANGUAGE AGENCY AND ULSTER-SCOTS AGENCY)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

RECORD OF DECISION IP/LAN 21

Pursuant to the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing a North/South Ministerial Council done at Dublin on 8 March 1999, the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing Implementation Bodies done at Dublin on 8 March 1999 and to the supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituted by the exchange of letters dated 18 June 1999, as amended by the supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituted by the exchange of notes dated 19 November 2002, Ms. Angela Smith, M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Mr. Eamon Ó Cuív, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs have given consent to the decision in **Paper IP/LAN 21** set out below. The effective date of this decision is 10 March 2005.

DECISION SOUGHT IN PAPER IP/LAN 21

Ministers are invited to note the Language Body Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2000 and to note also that, although the Ulster-Scots Agency's Annual Report refers to the promotion of the Ulster-Scots Language, culture and history throughout the island of Ireland and beyond, the Ulster Scots Agency has no authority to promote the Ulster Scots Language and culture beyond the island of Ireland, other than in the furtherance of its remit within the island of Ireland.