

RECORD OF DECISION –IP/LAN 8

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 8**. The effective date of this decision is 11 June 2003.

Decision Sought in Paper 1P/LAN8

Ministers are invited, subject to the approval of Finance Ministers, to

- (i) approve the post of Development Officer, to be based at the Raphoe Office, at a grading and salary scale equivalent to that of HEO in the Irish Civil Service (€33,886 - €42,934), and
- (ii) approve that the application of benchmarking and future general round increases to this scale shall be agreed between the relevant sponsoring Departments, North and South, with the approval of the Finance Departments and without further reference to the NSMC.