

## **RECORD OF DECISION – IP/SEU 11**

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, Mr Ian Pearson, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Mr. Charlie McCreevy, T.D., Minister for Finance have given consent to the decision sought in **Paper IP/SEU 11**. The effective date of this decision is 5 July 2004.

### **Decision Sought in IP/SEU 11**

Ministers are asked to:-

- (a) approve the formal appointment of Mr Pat Colgan as CEO of the SEUPB on the terms and conditions specified in the contract document; and
- (b) agree that the attached draft press release announcing this appointment can be issued.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY**

The Minister of Finance in Ireland, Charlie McCreevy, and Minister for Finance and Personnel in Northern Ireland, Ian Pearson, today announced that the New Chief Executive of the Special EU Programmes Body would be Mr Pat Colgan, currently Head of INTERACT Secretariat in the Austrian Institute for Spatial Planning and Development.

In a joint statement the Ministers said:

*“We are very pleased that Mr Pat Colgan will be joining the Special EU Programmes Body as Chief Executive. He has a wide experience of Public Administration and European Funding issues. His knowledge and leadership abilities will be important assets for the Special EU Programmes Body as it tackles the many challenges that it faces in the coming months and years.”*