

LANGUAGE SECTOR

EXTENSION OF THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF BOARD MEMBERS

RECORD OF DECISION/IP LAN 43

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, The Rt. Hon Peter Hain, M.P., Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Mr Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs have given consent to the decision in paper **IP/LAN 43**. The effective date of this decision is 11 December 2006.

Decision Sought in Paper IP/LAN 43

Ministers are invited to:-

- a) extend the term of office of Mr Eoghan Mac Cormaic and Mr Pádraig Ó Biadha for one year to 12 December 2007;

- b) extend the term of office of the members of the Board for one year, to 12 December 2007, on existing terms and conditions, including that the extended term of office of each member is subject to earlier termination by NSMC, at its absolute discretion, by notice in writing;

- c) agree that Maighr ad U  Mh irt n's appointment as Chairperson of the Irish Language Agency and Mr Mark Thompson's appointment as Chairperson of the Ulster-Scots Agency be extended to 12 December 2007;
- d) authorise the Joint Secretaries to write to Mr Eoghan Mac Cormaic and Mr P draig   Biadha; and
- e) authorise the Joint Secretaries to write to Board members.