



**TREATY SERIES 2007
N° 10**

**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 25 of July 2006 and 25 July 2006**

Done on 25 July 2006

Entered into force on 25 July 2006

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

N° 1

*From The Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to The Hon
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Dermot Ahern TD*

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25 July 2006

Mr Dermot Ahern

Minister for Foreign Affairs

I have the honour to refer to

- 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 (hereinafter referred to as “the Implementation Bodies Agreement”); and
- 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; and
- The 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

I have the honour to refer also the recent discussion between our two Governments concerning the interpretation of the terms “Community Initiatives”, “Initiatives” and “CIs” in Part 4 of Annex 1 and Part 4 of Annex 2 to the Implementation Bodies Agreement.

It is the understanding of my Government that it was the joint intention of our two Governments that the aforementioned terms would include any successors to, equivalents of or substitutes for such Initiatives within or building on the substantive objectives, priorities, policy areas and activities covered by the Community Initiatives established within the framework of the European Community’s Structural Funds and should be construed accordingly.

If this is also the understanding of your Government, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your reply in the affirmative shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments concerning the interpretation of these terms which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Rt Hon Peter Hain MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Nº 2

From The Hon Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Dermot Ahern TD to The Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

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25 July 2006

Rt Hon Peter Hain MP

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 25 July 2006 concerning the interpretation of certain terms contained in 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 8 March 1999.

I have the honour to confirm that it is the understanding of the Government that it was the joint intention of our two Governments for the terms as specified in your letter to include any successors to, equivalents of or substitutes for such Initiatives within or building on the substantive objectives, priorities, policy areas and activities covered by the Community Initiatives established within the framework of the European Community's Structural Funds and should be construed accordingly.

I have the honour to confirm, therefore, that this letter and your letter shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which will come into force today.

Dermot Ahern TD

Minster for Foreign Affairs