

No. 45624 *

**Ireland
and
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (with annex). Dublin, 22 March 2007

Entry into force: *9 May 2007 by notification, in accordance with article 3*

Authentic texts: *English*

Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations: *Ireland, 5 January 2009*

**Irlande
et
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord**

Accord entre le Gouvernement de l'Irlande et le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord (avec annexe). Dublin, 22 mars 2007

Entrée en vigueur : *9 mai 2007 par notification, conformément à l'article 3*

Textes authentiques : *anglais*

Enregistrement auprès du Secrétariat des Nations Unies : *Irlande, 5 janvier 2009*

* The text reproduced below is the original text of the agreement as submitted. For ease of reference, it was sequentially paginated. The final UNTS version of it is not yet available.
Le texte reproduit ci-dessous est le texte authentique de l'accord tel que soumis pour enregistrement. Pour référence, il a été présenté sous forme de la pagination consécutive. La version finale RTNU n'est pas encore disponible.

[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

**Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland**

Done at Dublin on 22 March 2007

**Notifications of completion of requirements for entry into force exchanged on
9 May 2007 and 9 May 2007**

Entered into force on 9 May 2007

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs
**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Government of Ireland and the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland

Recalling

- the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland done at Belfast on 10 April 1998 (hereinafter referred to as “the British-Irish Agreement”) and in particular article 2 thereof, wherein they affirmed their solemn commitment to support and where appropriate implement the provisions of the Agreement reached in multi-party negotiations on 10 April 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the “Multi-Party Agreement”); and
- 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; and
- the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing a British-Irish Council done at Dublin on 8 March 1999; and
- the Agreement Between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing a British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference done at Dublin on 8 March 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; and
- the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing the Independent Monitoring Commission done at Dublin on 25 November 2003; and
- 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 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 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 25 July 2006.

Recalling the discussions which have taken place at St Andrews on the means to achieve restoration of a power sharing Executive in Northern Ireland and the full and effective operation of the political institutions as envisaged by the Multi-Party Agreement and having regard to the possibility of adjustments to the operation of the institutions in the interests of efficiency and fairness, as envisaged by the Multi-Party Agreement itself;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

The two Governments re-affirm their solemn commitment as contained in the British-Irish Agreement to protect, support and where appropriate implement the provisions of the Multi-Party Agreement.

Article 2

The two Governments affirm their solemn commitment to support, and where appropriate implement, the alterations to the operation of the institutions established under the British-Irish Agreement agreed at St Andrews and as set out in the Annex to this Agreement.

Article 3

(1) It shall be a requirement for the entry into force of this Agreement that a restoration order under section 2(2) of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006 has been made by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

(2) Each Government shall notify the other in writing no sooner than 27 March 2007 of the completion, so far as it is concerned, of the requirements for entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the later of the two notifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by the respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in two originals at Dublin on 22 March 2007.

For the Government of Ireland

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Dermot Ahern

David Reddaway

ANNEX

ST ANDREWS AGREEMENT - ANNEX A

PRACTICAL CHANGES TO THE OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS