

**Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>**

Country/ entity	Ireland United Kingdom Northern Ireland
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ireland establishing a North/South Ministerial Council
Date	8 Mar 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Northern Ireland Conflict (1968 - 1998) )
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Northern Ireland peace process
Parties	The Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Third parties	-
Description	In order to implement Article 2 of the British-Irish Agreement, this Agreement establishes a North-South, British-Irish Ministerial Council ("the Council").

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Agreement document	<a href="#">UK_IE_990804_Agreement on Establishing North-South Ministerial Council.pdf</a>    <a href="#">Download</a>
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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
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Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision	Page 1, Article 1 Under and in furtherance of Article 2 of the British-Irish Agreement, there is hereby established a British-Irish Council ("the Council").
	Page 1, Article 2 The Council shall be constituted and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of the Multi-Party Agreement.
	Page 1, Article 3 Both sides of the Council, with each side acting in accordance with the appropriate arrangements in its jurisdiction, shall be responsible for the operation of the Council and shall as necessary, acting within the Council, decide on supplementary procedural arrangements relating to its operation.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→New political institutions (indefinite) Page 1, Article 1 Under and in furtherance of Article 2 of the British-Irish Agreement, there is hereby established a British-Irish Council ("the Council").
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Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.

Traditional/  
religious  
leaders      No specific mention.

Public  
administration      No specific mention.

Constitution      No specific mention.

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### **Power sharing**

Political  
power  
sharing      Coder YES  
The agreement states "The Council shall be constituted and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of the Multi-Party Agreement." However this is only implementing legislation and no details of the arrangement are contained within this agreement."

Territorial  
power  
sharing      No specific mention.

Economic  
power  
sharing      No specific mention.

Military  
power  
sharing      No specific mention.

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### **Human rights and equality**

Human  
rights/RoL  
general      No specific mention.

Bill of  
rights/  
similar      No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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### **Rights related issues**

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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### **Rights institutions**

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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### **Land, property and environment**

Land reform/  
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access No specific mention.

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### **Security sector**

Security  
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.



Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal  
of foreign  
forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/  
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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<https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/issues/politics/docs/nio/bi080399.htm>

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