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Country/ entity	Ireland United Kingdom Northern Ireland
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Joint Declaration by the British and Irish Governments
Date	1 Apr 2003
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	British government, Irish Government
Third parties	-
Description	Declaration by the two Governments outlining the work that they had engaged in since the suspension of the Executive and the Assembly in 2002 and identifying areas where progress could be made in the ongoing implementation.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation	<p>Participation→Effective participation</p> <p>Page 20, ANNEX 3, RIGHTS, EQUALITY, IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY, Human Rights, 1.</p> <p>In the Agreement, the parties affirmed their commitment to the mutual respect, the civil rights and the religious liberties of everyone in the community, and affirmed in particular:....• the right of women to full and equal political participation.</p>
Equality	<p>Equality→Social equality</p> <p>Page 20, ANNEX 3, RIGHTS, EQUALITY, IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY, Human Rights, 1.</p> <p>In the Agreement, the parties affirmed their commitment to the mutual respect, the civil rights and the religious liberties of everyone in the community, and affirmed in particular:....• the right to equal opportunity in all social and economic activity, regardless of class, creed, disability, gender or ethnicity;...</p> <p>Page 21, ANNEX 3, RIGHTS, EQUALITY, IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY, Equality, 7.</p> <p>As provided in the Agreement, both the British Government and, prior to suspension last October, the devolved administration in Northern Ireland, have pursued broad policies for sustained economic growth and stability in Northern Ireland and for promoting social inclusion, including in particular community development and the advancement of women in public life.</p>
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
International law	No specific mention.
New institutions	No specific mention.
Violence against women	No specific mention.
Transitional justice	No specific mention.

Institutional reform Institutional reform→Police
Page 7, Policing and Justice, para 21
The new beginning in policing envisaged by the Agreement, requires, amongst other things, all community leaders, including political party leaders and local councillors, to take steps to remove all discouragements to members of the community from supporting and applying to join the police, and making it a priority to encourage them to apply. Part of this process would involve Sinn Féin deciding to join the Policing Board and the District Policing Partnerships. In recognition of the importance of policing with the support of the community, the PSNI will renew and continue its efforts to encourage applications from all parts of the community, including those in which the service has traditionally been under-represented. Efforts should be made to encourage recruitment from women and ethnic minorities.

Development No specific mention.

Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.
