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Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Minister for Foreign Affairs Meetings 2000 – 2018

DATE	PARTICIPANTS	LOCATION	TOPIC
2000			
1 st February 2000 ¹	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	Dublin, Ireland	de Chastelain report on decommissioning
9 th February 2000 ²	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	London, UK	Decommissioning
14 th February 2000 ³	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Stormont suspension
18 th February 2000 ⁴	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	Dublin, Ireland	Private meeting covering the period of direct rule and implementing all parts of the Good Friday Agreement.
7 th & 8 th March 2000 ⁵	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson (plus NI parties)	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Re-establishing momentum in the peace process

¹ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/mandelson-s-trip-to-the-park-1.241951>

² <https://www.rte.ie/news/2000/0209/5502-north/>

³ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2000/feb/14/northernireland.johnmullin>

⁴ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2000/0218/5632-north/>

⁵ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/cowen-and-mandelson-to-hold-talks-in-belfast-1.252888>

21 st March 2000 ⁶	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	Dublin, Ireland	Rescuing the peace process
18 th April 2000 ⁷	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	Dublin, Ireland	
31 st May 2000 ⁸	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	Dublin, Ireland	Policing and the Patten Report
27 th July 2000 ⁹	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	London, UK	Mini Anglo-Irish summit agenda
28 th July 2000 ¹⁰	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson		Growing threat from dissident republicans
17 th October 2000 ¹¹	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson		Proposed policing reforms
2 nd November 2000 ¹²	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson		

⁶ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2000/0320/6139-north/>

⁷ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2000/0504/6792-north/>

⁸ <https://www.rte.ie/news/player/2000/0531/251430-dup-announces-executive-strategy-after-somewhat-divisive-deliberations-the-democratic-unionist-party-has-announced-its-strategy-for-dealing-with-the-re-vitalised-northern-ireland-executive-the-party-says-that-their-two-ministers-are-to-stay-in-the-stormont-executive-but-will-resign-if-unionists-do-not-back-a-motion-in-the-assembly-to-exclude-sinn-fein-from-office-meanwhile-the-minister-for-foreign-affairs-brian-cowen-meets-northern-secretary-peter-mandelson-in-dublin-later-today-the-meeting-at-iveagh-house-will-be-wide-ranging-but-the-controversial-topic-of-policing-and-the-patten-report-will-no-doubt-be-top-of-the-agenda/>

⁹ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/leaders-in-bid-to-resolve-row-over-policing-26114767.html>

¹⁰ http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/855387.stm

¹¹ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/cowen-meets-mandelson-for-talks-on-police-reform-26106877.html>

¹² <http://edition.cnn.com/2000/WORLD/europe/UK/11/02/ireland.mandelson.02/index.html>

27 th November 2000 ¹³	Brian Cowen and Peter Mandelson	London, UK	Loyalist killings
2001			
1 st January 2001 ¹⁴	Brian Cowen, John Reid and main Northern Ireland political parties	Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland	Unveiling of Tony Blair's 10 page package to save the Good Friday Agreement
22 nd February 2001 ¹⁵	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Dublin, Ireland	Northern Ireland political impasse
3 rd May 2001 ¹⁶	Brian Cowen and John Reid	London, UK	Northern Ireland
13 TH June 2001 ¹⁷	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Dublin, Ireland	Election results in the North and NI police force application figures
6 th July 2001 ¹⁸	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland	Decommissioning, policing and demilitarisation
1 st August 2001 ¹⁹	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland 'peace package'

¹³ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2000/1102/10374-mandelson/>

¹⁴ <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1336103/Blair-offers-IRA-more-concessions-but-fails-to-tackle-arms.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/leaders-intensify-efforts-to-break-impasse-26097646.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/cowen-to-meet-ni-secretary-1.305800?mode=sample&auth-failed=1&pw-origin=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irishtimes.com%2Fnews%2Fcowen-to-meet-ni-secretary-1.305800>

¹⁷ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2001/0613/15947-north/>

¹⁸ https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/cowen-reid-to-host-preparatory-talks-at-hillsborough-17514.html?utm_source=link&utm_medium=click&utm_campaign=nextandprev

¹⁹ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/deal-is-the-best-viable-way-out-of-current-stalemate-say-ministers-26075888.html>

21 st September 2001 ²⁰	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Brussels, Belgium	Northern Ireland peace process
19 th October 2001 ²¹	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Dublin, Ireland	Northern Ireland peace process
8 th November 2001 ²²	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Dublin, Ireland	Absence of Sinn Fein from the North's Police Board and a number of other issues
2002			
28 th March 2002 ²³	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Hillsborough Castle, Belfast	Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement
30 th March 2002 ²⁴	Brian Cowen and John Reid and Gerry Adams and David Trimble et al	Hillsborough Castle, Belfast	Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement
26 th June 2002 ²⁵	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Hillsborough Castle, Belfast	Pro-Agreement talks paving the way for British and Irish Prime Ministers
25 th September 2002 ²⁶	Brian Cowen and John Reid	Dublin, Ireland	Crisis in Irish peace process

²⁰ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/reid-suspends-northern-ireland-assembly-1.397450>

²¹ <https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/reid-pays-tribute-to-murdered-journalist-27097.html>

²² <https://www.rte.ie/news/2001/1108/20427-north/>

²³ http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/1897815.stm

²⁴ http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/1902308.stm

²⁵ <https://www.gettyimages.ie/detail/news-photo/northern-ireland-secretary-of-state-dr-john-reid-and-irish-news-photo/830892522#/northern-ireland-secretary-of-state-dr-john-reid-and-irish-foreign-picture-id830892522>

²⁶ <https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/reid-and-cowen-discuss-latest-uup-deadline-69743.html>

22 nd October 2002 ²⁷	Brian Cowen and John Reid (British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference) (BIIGC)	Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland	Pave the way for joint action in support of the peace process including the operation of the North-South implementation bodies
6 th November 2002 ²⁸	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy	Dublin, Ireland	Deadlock in the Northern Ireland peace process
18 th December 2002 ²⁹	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Dublin, Ireland	Stalled peace process
19 th December 2002 ³⁰	Brian Cowen, Paul Murphy and main Northern Ireland political parties	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	Round table talks and the peace process
2003			
30 th January 2003 ³¹	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy and the main political parties in Northern Ireland.	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	Restoring power sharing and devolution
21 st February 2003 ³²	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy	Dublin, Ireland	The impasse in the Northern peace process
24 th March 2003 ³³	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy	Dublin Ireland	Restoring devolution in Northern Ireland

²⁷ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/cowen-reid-meet-to-bolster-peace-26031811.html>

²⁸ <https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/cowen-and-murphy-in-peace-process-talks-75681.html>

²⁹ <https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/murphy-and-cowen-to-meet-in-dublin-81164.html>

³⁰ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2002/dec/19/northernireland.northernireland>

³¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2003/jan/30/northernireland.devolution>

³² <https://www.rte.ie/news/2003/0221/35457-north/>

³³ <https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/cowen-and-murphy-to-hold-talks-in-dublin-92861.html>

28 th April 2003 ³⁴	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy	Belfast, Northern Ireland	British government's decision to dissolve the Northern Ireland Assembly ahead of elections planned for 29 th May.
20 th May 2003 ³⁵	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Lancaster House, London, UK	Recent political developments in Northern Ireland including the circumstances leading to the postponement of the Assembly elections
2 nd July 2003 ³⁶	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Millbank, London, UK	Both governments stressed their continuing commitment to the earliest possible restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland and to the full and effective operation of all the institutions of the Good Friday Agreement
18 th September 2003 ³⁷	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	Recent political developments in Northern Ireland including the recent series of meetings with the political parties in Northern Ireland
13 th October 2003 ³⁸	British and Irish Prime Ministers and Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy	Downing Street, London, UK	Northern Ireland peace process

2004

³⁴ <https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/cowen-and-murphy-to-meet-following-assembly-dissolution-97015.html>

³⁵ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic200503.htm>

³⁶ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic020703.htm>

³⁷ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic180903.htm>

³⁸ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2003/1012/43108-north/>

22 nd January 2004 ³⁹	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Farmleigh, Dublin, Ireland	Review of political developments, including developments since the Assembly elections in November and the ongoing efforts to secure a working Assembly and the formation of an inclusive Executive, based on cross-community support.
3 rd February 2004 ⁴⁰	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy and the main political parties in Northern Ireland		Opening of the Review of the Good Friday Agreement
21 st April 2004 ⁴¹	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Millbank, London, UK	Review of political developments, including the recent publication of the report of the Independent Monitoring Commission and the responses of the two Governments to its conclusions and recommendations.
7 July 2004 ⁴²	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Farmleigh, Dublin, Ireland	Review of political developments, including recent discussions between the Prime Minister, Taoiseach and the political parties on 25 June at Lancaster House.
1 st September 2004 ⁴³	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy and	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	First round of three weeks of

³⁹ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic220104.htm>

⁴⁰ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/docs/nio/pm030204.htm>

⁴¹ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic210404.htm>

⁴² <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic070704.htm>

⁴³ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2004/0901/53911-northpolitics/>

	the main political parties in Northern Ireland		negotiations to restore power sharing in Northern Ireland.
9 th September 2004 ⁴⁴	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy meet Sinn Fein delegation	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	NIO spying operation on Sinn Fein
21 st September 2004 ⁴⁵	Brian Cowen and Paul Murphy and the main political parties in Northern Ireland	Leeds Castle, UK	Attempt to wrap up talks
12 th October 2004 ⁴⁶	Dermot Ahern and Paul Murphy		First meeting
20 th October 2004 ⁴⁷	Dermot Ahern and Paul Murphy	Dublin, Ireland	Northern Ireland peace process
15 th December 2004 ⁴⁸	Dermot Ahern and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland	Review of political developments, including last week's publication of comprehensive proposals by both Governments. The Conference affirmed its view that the proposals covered the key issues that must be resolved, and could bring closure to all outstanding issues.
2005			
17 th January 2005 ⁴⁹	Dermot Ahern and Paul Murphy	Dublin, Ireland	IRA involvement in bank raid

⁴⁴ <http://www.sinnfein.ie/contents/2937>

⁴⁵ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/stormonts-ministerial-issues-should-not-take-precedence-insists-cowen-25898427.html>

⁴⁶ <http://www.sinnfein.ie/contents/3141>

⁴⁷ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2004/1020/55794-northpolitics/>

⁴⁸ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic151204.htm>

⁴⁹ http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/4180363.stm

2 nd March 2005 ⁵⁰	Dermot Ahern and Paul Murphy (BIIGC)	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	The murder of Robert McCartney, recent political developments including the impact of the Northern Ireland Bank robbery, the related IMC report and looked ahead to the period following the local government elections.
19 th May 2005 ⁵¹	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Dublin, Ireland	Joint press conference, continuing the relationship between the two governments and progress in Northern Ireland possible
27 th June 2005 ⁵²	British and Irish Prime Ministers and Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain (BIIGC)	Downing Street, London, UK	Both Governments reaffirmed their commitment to the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and reviewed recent political developments including the results of the Westminster and local government elections in early May.
21 st September 2005 ⁵³	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Stormont Castle, Belfast, Northern Ireland	
19 th October 2005 ⁵⁴	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain (BIIGC)	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	Recent political developments, devolved government is in the best

⁵⁰ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic020305.htm>

⁵¹ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/progress-on-north-impasse-possible-says-hain-1.443987>

⁵² <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic270605.htm>

⁵³ <https://www.gettyimages.ie/detail/news-photo/irish-foreign-affairs-minister-dermot-ahern-with-northern-news-photo/828137510#/irish-foreign-affairs-minister-dermot-ahern-with-northern-ireland-of-picture-id828137510>

⁵⁴ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic191005.htm>

			interest of all communities in Northern Ireland, IICD confirmation that IRA weapons had been decommissioned and the seventh IMC report.
14 th November 2005 ⁵⁵	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain and main political parties in Northern Ireland (DUP absent)	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Restoring devolved government and the arms issue (Sinn Fein/DUP)
19 th December 2005 ⁵⁶	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain		‘Stomontgate’ and the peace process
2006			
1 st February 2006 ⁵⁷	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain (BIIGC)	Millbank, London, UK	Both Governments stressed their commitment to the full restoration of the devolved institutions as soon as possible.
6 th February 2006 ⁵⁸	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain and the main political parties in Northern Ireland	Hillsborough Castle, Belfast, Northern Ireland	Re-establishing the suspended power-sharing government
2 nd March 2006 ⁵⁹	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Waterfront Hall, Belfast, Northern Ireland	Launch of the 2006 Special Olympics Ireland Games
2 nd May 2006 ⁶⁰	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	The joint statement made by the

⁵⁵ http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/4436766.stm

⁵⁶ https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/ahern-stormontgate-will-not-hold-up-peace-process-235928.html?utm_source=link&utm_medium=click&utm_campaign=nextandprev

⁵⁷ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic010206.htm>

⁵⁸ <https://www.gettyimages.fi/event/talks-open-for-northern-ireland-power-sharing-agreement-56741884#/united-kingdom-british-secretary-of-state-peter-hain-and-irish-picture-id56754372>

⁵⁹ <https://www.google.ie/search?q=dermot+ahern+and+peter+hain+2006&ei=prKqWoGYMYGHgAbek5yYCOQ&start=10&sa=N&biw=906&bih=651>

⁶⁰ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic020506.htm>

	(BIIGC)		British and Irish Prime Ministers setting out the Governments' joint strategy for restoration of the devolved institutions in 2006.
26 th June 2006 ⁶¹	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Review progress in restoring devolution
25 th July 2006 ⁶²	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain (BIIGC)	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	The two Governments reiterated their determination to make every effort to achieve restoration of the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland by 24 November 2006 and stressed that this deadline is firm and immovable.
11 th September 2006 ⁶³	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Dundalk, Ireland	Review progress in restoring devolution
24 October 2006 ⁶⁴	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain (BIIGC)	Iveagh House, Dublin,	The two Governments paid tribute to the work of the political parties at St. Andrews and welcomed the major progress made to clear the way to restoration of the power-sharing institutions. There was also a review of the security situation and the report published by the IMC as well as discussions surrounding parades, loyalism, policing and criminal justice, rights, equality and

⁶¹ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/unionists-blame-hain-for-lack-of-progress-1.788000>

⁶² <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic250706.htm>

⁶³ <https://www.irishtimes.com/breakingnews/ireland/peter-hain-welcomes-encouraging-signals-from-dup-276294.html>

⁶⁴ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic241006.htm>

			community relations and north/south and east/west matters.
26 TH October 2006 ⁶⁵	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain		Joint statement on the launch of a 'Blueprint for all island economic co-operation'
10 th November 2006 ⁶⁶	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain		Joint statement on the St Andrews Agreement
2007			
9 th January 2007 ⁶⁷	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Dundalk, Ireland	Stressed that northern Ireland parties needed to show leadership and clarity regarding their commitment to the St Andrews Agreement
5 th February 2007 ⁶⁸	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain and Bertie Ahern	Cardiff, Wales	Devolution
26 th February 2007 ⁶⁹	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain (BIIGC)	Dundalk, Ireland	Reviewed progress in implementing the St Andrews Agreement and Sinn Fein decision to support policing and justice.
12 th -13 th March 2007 ⁷⁰	Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain and	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Restoring devolution, 26 March

⁶⁵ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/docs/nio/phda261006.htm>

⁶⁶ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/docs/nio/phda101106.htm>

⁶⁷ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ahern-says-devolution-or-dissolution-is-choice-1.1193536>

⁶⁸ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ahern-says-devolution-or-dissolution-is-choice-1.1193536>

⁶⁹ <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/conference/biic260207.htm>

⁷⁰ <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2007/mar/13/northernireland.devolution2>

	Northern Ireland's political parties		deadline
8 th May 2007 ⁷¹	British and Irish Prime Ministers, US political dignitaries and Dermot Ahern and Peter Hain	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	First and Deputy First Ministers sworn in at Stormont and election of a new speaker, three deputy speakers and a ministerial team.
12 th September 2007 ⁷²	Dermot Ahern and Shaun Woodward	Dublin, Ireland	
2008			
10 th January 2008 ⁷³	Dermot Ahern and Shaun Woodward	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	‘Stocktaking’ meeting
3 rd April 2008 ⁷⁴	Dermot Ahern and Shaun Woodward	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	Joint press conference
18 th September 2008 ⁷⁵	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Devolution of justice powers
5 November 2008 ⁷⁶	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	London, UK	Deepening cooperation on Northern Ireland and other bilateral issues
2009			

⁷¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2007/may/08/northernireland.northernireland>

⁷² <https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/britain-urged-to-admit-role-in-miami-showband-massacre-327470.html>

⁷³ <https://www.gettyimages.ie/detail/news-photo/northern-ireland-swecretary-shaun-woodward-meets-with-irish-news-photo/834040118#/northern-ireland-swecretary-shaun-woodward-meets-with-irish-minister-picture-id834040118>

⁷⁴ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ministers-declare-support-for-cowen-s-candidacy-1.909611>

⁷⁵ <https://www.rte.ie/news/2008/0918/108182-northpolitics/>

⁷⁶ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/cuts-failed-to-hinder-highflying-martin-26582157.html>

28 th January 2009 ⁷⁷	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward,	Dublin, Ireland	There should be ‘no rush’ to judgement on the report of the Consultative Group on the Past.
10 th March 2009 ⁷⁸	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward, as well as Justice Minister Ahern and North’s security minister Goggins.	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Urgent security summit after murder of policeman by IRA splinter group
7 th October 2009 ⁷⁹	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	London, UK	Devolution of policing and justice powers to Stormont
5 th November 2009 ⁸⁰	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	London, UK	Devolution of policing and justice powers to Stormont
15 th December 2009 ⁸¹	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland political deadlock
2010			
5 th January 2010 ⁸²	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Stalemate at Stormont on issue of the devolution of justice and policing
12 th January 2010 ⁸³	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward	Dublin, Ireland	Political crisis (delays in transfer of policing and justice powers, potential collapse of Assembly) in Belfast in

⁷⁷ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/no-rush-to-judgment-on-plans-urge-martin-and-woodward-1.1237647>

⁷⁸ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/killers-are-traitors-to-irish-nation-sinn-fein-26520091.html>

⁷⁹ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/martin-and-woodward-discuss-policing-devolution-26571928.html>

⁸⁰ <https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/anxiety-at-lack-of-action-on-policing-and-justice-1.766881>

⁸¹ http://www.irishexaminerusa.com/mt/2009/12/15/cowen_to_meet_robinson_and_mcg.html

⁸² <https://www.rte.ie/news/2010/0105/125974-northpolitics/>

⁸³ <https://www.independent.ie/breaking-news/irish-news/talks-over-iris-robinson-scandal-26621931.html>

			the aftermath of the Iris Robinson scandal
25 th January – February 2010 ⁸⁴	Micheal Martin and Shaun Woodward and main political parties in Northern Ireland	Hillsborough, Northern Ireland	Marathon talks regarding devolution of policing and justice.
20 th September 2010 ⁸⁵	Owen Paterson meets Micheal Martin before all-Ireland senior final	Dublin, Ireland	
10 th October 2010 ⁸⁶	Micheal Martin and Owen Paterson	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Launch of ‘Policing the Narrow Ground’, a book commissioned by the Department of Foreign Affairs and by the Northern Ireland Office from the Royal Irish Academy to mark last year’s tenth anniversary of the Patten report on policing.
2011			
26 th June 2011 ⁸⁷	Eamon Gilmore and Owen Paterson	Dublin, Ireland	Northern Ireland
15 th December 2011 ⁸⁸	Eamon Gilmore and Owen Paterson		Both welcome the announcement of the next stage of offshore wind and tidal energy development off the coast of Northern Ireland
2012			

⁸⁴ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/deadlock-on-north-talks-broken-as-dup-accepts-deal-1.617581>

⁸⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/paterson-attends-all-ireland-senior-final-at-croke>

⁸⁶ <http://www.michealmartin.ie/news/detail/minister-martins-visit-to-lurgan-and-belfast/>

⁸⁷ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2011/june/tanaiste-to-meet-sosni-june-2011/>

⁸⁸ <https://merriestreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/tanaiste-and-secretary-of-state-welcome-the-next-stage-of-offshore-wind-and-tidal-energy-development-off-the-coast-of-northern-ireland.html>

17 th September 2012 ⁸⁹	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland	Both reaffirmed their commitment to work closely together in building on the progress already achieved to create a peaceful, stable and prosperous Northern Ireland for everyone.
6 th November 2012 ⁹⁰	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	Political, economic and security cooperation issues concerning Northern Ireland.
2013			
17 th January 2013 ⁹¹	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers and First and Deputy First Ministers	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Ongoing unrest and flag protests
11 th February 2013 ⁹²	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Farmleigh House, Ireland	Union flag protests
29 th April 2013 ⁹³	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Addressing students to mark the 15 th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.
23 rd September 2013 ⁹⁴	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	The Haass-O'Sullivan talks on parades, flags and the past.

⁸⁹ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2012/september/t%C3%A1naiste-meets-new-secretary-of-state/>

⁹⁰ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2012/november/tanaiste-meets-theresa-villiers-mp/>

⁹¹ <https://merriestreet.ie/en/Category-Index/Northern-Ireland/Peace-Process/tanaiste-in-belfast-to-discuss-ongoing-unrest-and-flag-protests.html>

⁹² <https://www.rte.ie/news/2013/0211/367124-talks-in-dublin-to-focus-on-union-flag-protests/>

⁹³ <http://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-belfast-northern-ireland-29th-april-2013-secretary-of-state-theresa-56033501.html>

⁹⁴ <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/temporary-parades-ban-unworkable-in-northern-ireland-29599901.html>

18 th December 2013 ⁹⁵	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Iveagh House, Dublin, Ireland	Haass-O’Sullivan Talks
2014			
6 th February 2014 ⁹⁶	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	Progress to date in the five-party talks on parades, flags and contending with the past.
31 st March 2014 ⁹⁷	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	Resumed political talks among Party Leaders on the Haass-O’Sullivan proposals and the on-going impact of legacy issues
29 th May 2014 ⁹⁸	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers		Developments in the Northern Ireland Party Leaders’ Talks
9 th June 2014 ⁹⁹	Eamon Gilmore and Theresa Villiers and the main political parties in Northern Ireland	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Talks on parades, flags and the past.
30 th July 2014 ¹⁰⁰	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Resumption of all-party talks on flags, parading and the past.

⁹⁵ <https://www.gettyimages.ie/detail/news-photo/secretary-of-state-for-northern-ireland-theresa-villiers-at-news-photo/852831086#/secretary-of-state-for-northern-ireland-theresa-villiers-at-iveagh-picture-id852831086>

⁹⁶ <https://merriionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/tanaiste-and-secretary-of-state-for-northern-ireland-to-discuss-ni-political-talks.html>

⁹⁷ <https://merriionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/tanaiste-emon-gilmore-t-d-holds-talks-with-secretary-of-state-for-northern-ireland-theresa-villiers.html>

⁹⁸ <https://merriionstreet.ie/en/Category-Index/Northern-Ireland/Peace-Process/tanaiste-discusses-northern-ireland-party-leaders-talks-with-secretary-of-state-villiers.html>

⁹⁹ <http://www.thejournal.ie/haass-talks-gilmore-1506813-Jun2014/>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/flanagan-wants-ni-talks-on-flags-parading-to-resume-in-september-1.1882750>

7 th October 2014 ¹⁰¹	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	Forthcoming Northern Ireland talks
30 th October 2014 ¹⁰²	Charles Flanagan, Theresa Villiers, Minister of State, Seán Sherlock, all of the NI Executive Parties and US Secretary of State's Personal Representative, Senator Gary Hart.	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Completion of first phase of Talks process
5 th November 2014 ¹⁰³	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers and all Northern Ireland Executive parties	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Set priorities for next phase of Talks
12 th December 2014 ¹⁰⁴	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Progress after nine weeks of talks in Northern Ireland.
2015			
15 th January 2015 ¹⁰⁵	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Implementation of the Stormont House Agreement
11 th February 2015 ¹⁰⁶	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	Next steps in implementing the Stormont House Agreement
20 th May 2015 ¹⁰⁷	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	Political impasse within the Northern

¹⁰¹ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2014/october/minister-flanagan-northern-ireland-talks/>

¹⁰² <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2014/october/minister-flanagan,-minister-sherlock,-ni-talks/>

¹⁰³ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2014/november/meetinginbelfasttoreviewprogressandsetprioritiesforthenextphaseoftalks/>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2014/december/minister-flanagan-secretary-of-state-talks/>

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2015/january/minister-flanagan-visit-to-northern-ireland/>

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2015/february/flanagan-sos-villiers-political-talks-dublin/>

¹⁰⁷ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2015/may/minister-flanagan-meets-secretary-of-state-ni/>

			Ireland Executive and implementation of the Stormont House Agreement
1 st September 2015 ¹⁰⁸	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers		Implementation of the Stormont House Agreement
5 th September 2015 ¹⁰⁹	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	London, UK	Recent political developments as well as assessing the potential for progress amongst the parties of the Northern Ireland Executive in dealing with contentious issues
17 th November 2015 ¹¹⁰	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers and Northern Ireland Executive parties	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Fresh Start Agreement
21 st December 2015 ¹¹¹	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Dublin, Ireland	Agreement implementation, legacy issues and the Monaghan Bombings
2016			
14 th January 2016 ¹¹²	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers and Arlene Foster	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Implementation of the Fresh Start Agreement
29 th June 2016 ¹¹³	Charles Flanagan and Theresa Villiers	Belfast, Northern Ireland	EU Referendum result and implementing the Stormont House

¹⁰⁸ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2015/september/minister-flanagan-meets-secretary-of-state-ni/>

¹⁰⁹ <https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/News/Flanagan-in-london-for-northern-ireland-talks.html>

¹¹⁰ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/deal-reached-in-stormont-talks-on-northern-ireland-1.2433198>

¹¹¹ https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Minister_Flanagan_to_meet_Secretary_of_State_for_N_I_in_Dublin.html

¹¹² <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-35304394>

¹¹³ https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Minister_Flanagan_has_political_discussions_in_Belfast_on_UK_EU_Referendum_result_welcomes_progress_on_Stormont_House_Fresh_Start_Agreements.html

			and Fresh Start Agreements
22 nd July 2016 ¹¹⁴	Charles Flanagan and James Brokenshire (bilateral meeting at British Irish Council (BIC) Summit	Cardiff, Wales	Shared commitment to the Good Friday Agreement and implementing the Stormont House and Fresh Start Agreements
13 th September 2016 ¹¹⁵	Charles Flanagan and James Brokenshire	Dublin, Ireland	Signing of an international Treaty to provide for the establishment of the Independent Reporting Commission to tackle the vestiges of paramilitarism in Northern Ireland.
2017			
13 th January 2017 ¹¹⁶	Charles Flanagan and James Brokenshire meet main Northern Ireland political parties	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	Political impasse in Northern Ireland
15 th February 2017 ¹¹⁷	Charles Flanagan and James Brokenshire	Dublin, Ireland	The upcoming Northern Ireland Assembly election (2 March)
20 th April 2017 ¹¹⁸	Charles Flanagan, James Brokenshire and Northern Ireland political parties	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Political impasse in Northern Ireland
12 th June 2017 ¹¹⁹	Charles Flanagan and James Brokenshire	Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland	Brexit

¹¹⁴ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2016/july/flanagan-attends-extraordinary-bic/>

¹¹⁵ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2016/september/flanagan-holds-talks-with-brokenshire/>

¹¹⁶ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/sinn-f%C3%A9in-rejects-governments-efforts-to-find-way-out-of-crisis-1.2935169>

¹¹⁷ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2017/february/minister-flanagan-meets-sosni-brokenshire/>

¹¹⁸ https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Statement_by_the_Minister_for_Foreign_Affairs_and_Trade_Mr_Charlie_Flanagan_TD1.html

¹¹⁹ <https://www.irishtimes.com/breakingnews/ireland/charlie-flanagan-to-meet-james-brokenshire-in-stormont-today-793155.html>

19 th June 2017 ¹²⁰	Simon Coveney, James Brokenshire and main political parties in Northern Ireland	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Restoring devolution, Brexit and the Good Friday Agreement
7 th July 2017 ¹²¹	Simon Coveney and James Brokenshire	London, UK	Brexit and Northern Ireland
22 nd August 2017 ¹²²	Simon Coveney and James Brokenshire	Dublin, Ireland	The British government's papers on its Brexit strategy and options to restore talks with the five main political parties in Northern Ireland.
28 th - 29 th August 2017 ¹²³	Simon Coveney and James Brokenshire / Simon Coveney and Northern Ireland political parties, members of Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and academics	Northern Ireland	Resumption of talks to restore devolution and Brexit consultations
5 th September 2017 ¹²⁴	Simon Coveney, James Brokenshire and Northern Ireland political parties	Northern Ireland	Resumption of talks to restore devolution
2 nd November 2017 ¹²⁵	Simon Coveney and James Brokenshire (Coveney also meets Chancellor Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Exiting the EU David Davis and Chair of the Foreign	London, UK	Challenges of Brexit

¹²⁰ https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Minister_Coveney_in_Belfast_for_talks_at_Stormont_Castle_on_formation_of_an_Executive.html

¹²¹ https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Minister_Coveney_completes_a_series_of_meetings_in_London_focused_on_Brexit_and_Northern_Ireland.html

¹²² <https://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0821/898799-northern-ireland-politics/>

¹²³ https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Minister_Coveney_-_Brexit_consultations_in_Belfast.html

¹²⁴ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/foster-made-real-effort-with-irish-comments-says-coveney-1.3208318>

¹²⁵ <https://www.dfa.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2017/november/minister-coveney-visit-to-london/>

	Affairs Committee Tom Tugendhat as well as the leader of the Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn MP)		
2018			
12 th January 2018 ¹²⁶	Karen Bradley and Simon Coveney	London, UK	Restoration of devolved government
18 th January 2018 ¹²⁷	Karen Bradley and Simon Coveney	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Restoration of devolved government
5 February 2018 ¹²⁸	Karen Bradley and Simon Coveney	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Restoration of devolved government

¹²⁶ <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-42656015>

¹²⁷ <http://www.thejournal.ie/northern-ireland-talks-4-3803291-Jan2018/>

¹²⁸ <http://www.highlandradio.com/2018/02/05/stormont-talks-continue-today/>