



**DECLARATION ON BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

1. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Cuba have decided to strengthen their bilateral co-operation based on the principles of reciprocity, mutual benefit and commitment to the principles enshrined in International Law, the United Nations Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. Both parties agree that co-operation is aimed at promoting closer dialogue and economic, scientific, technical, educational, cultural and sporting links between the two countries and their peoples to the benefit of the population.
3. Both parties agree that this cooperation will focus on mutually agreed areas to the benefit of the two countries, in accordance with their shared interests and priorities. Without prejudicing further discussions between the parties, areas considered priorities for co-operation include climate change, low-carbon development, biotechnology, trade and investment, regional and international security including countering drug trafficking, terrorism and organised crime, disarmament and non-proliferation, migration, human rights issues and instruments including the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), child protection, and disaster preparedness and response.
4. Both parties reiterate their common interest in responding to the challenges of international social and economic development and of reducing extreme poverty in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals.

Signed in Havana, 5 July 2011

By the United Kingdom

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