

**Exchange of Notes dated 18 October 2001 and 31 October 2001 between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituting an agreement pursuant to Article 83 paragraph 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 on the provisional delimitation of an area of the continental shelf(1)**

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Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Office of the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources

18 October 2001

Dear Secretary of State,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions between the officials of the Irish and British Governments concerning the proposed construction of an interconnector pipeline between Beattock near Moffat in Scotland and Gormanston in Ireland for the transmission of natural gas.

The proposed route of that interconnector would pass over sea bed which does not lie under the jurisdiction of either Ireland or the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and which has not been the subject of an agreement between the two Governments concerning the delimitation of areas of the Continental Shelf between the two States. It is necessary to ensure that the relevant legislation of one or other of the two States will be applicable to the entire length of the proposed pipeline without prejudice to any future agreement between the two Governments concerning the delimitation of this area of the Continental Shelf between the two States.

Accordingly, in accordance with Article 83(3) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, I have the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of Ireland that, as a provisional arrangement of a practical nature, in the area north of latitude 53 degrees 46 minutes North and south of latitude 54 degrees North, the Irish



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Minister for Europe

Frank Fahey T.D.  
Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources  
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31 October 2001

Dear Mr. Fahey

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 18 October that reads as follows:

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**Endnotes**

**1 (Note - Note)**

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