

Consular Corps NI Luncheon with North South Ministerial Council

23 August 2012

Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: The Consular Corps/Association of Northern Ireland (CA-NI) held a luncheon for its Members with Joint Secretariats of the North South Ministerial Council - Ms Mary Bunting (Northern Ireland) and Ms Margaret Stanley (Acting-Ireland), at the Ramada Plaza.



Front Row (R-L): Ms Mary Bunting – NSMC Secretariat, Northern Ireland, Lord Diljit Rana –CA-NI President and Ms Margaret Stanley – NSMC Secretariat (Ag.), Ireland with the Consular Corps for Northern Ireland Executive and Members

The luncheon was organised by Dr Christopher Stange – Secretariat , CA-NI. The focus was on discussions concerning business, trade, transport, energy, immigration, tourism, partnership and collaboration concerning both North and South and the countries having official foreign government representation in Northern Ireland.

The North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) is supported by a standing Joint Secretariat, staffed by members of the Northern Ireland and Irish Civil Service. The Secretariat is based in Armagh. The NSMC was established under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement (1998), to develop consultation, co-operation and action on an all-island and cross-border basis concerning matters of mutual interest and within the competence of the Administrations, both North and South. It is comprised of Ministers of the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government, working together to take forward co-operation between both parts of the island to mutual benefit. **ENDS**