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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 869**

**The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

**PART II**

**DISCRIMINATION IN THE EMPLOYMENT FIELD**

*Police*

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**17.**—(1) For the purposes of this Part, the holding of the office of constable shall be treated as employment—

- (a) by the chief officer of police as respects any act done by him in relation to a constable or that office;
- (b) by the police authority as respects any act done by them in relation to a constable or that office.

(2) There shall be defrayed as expenses of the police authority—

- (a) any compensation or costs awarded against a chief officer of police in any proceedings brought against him under this Order, and any costs incurred by him in any such proceedings so far as not recovered by him in the proceedings; and
- (b) any sum required by a chief officer of police for the settlement of any claim made against him under this Order if the settlement is approved by the police authority.

(3) The police authority may make arrangements for the legal representation of the chief officer of police in any proceedings under this Order.

(4) In this Article—

“chief officer of police”—

- (a) in relation to a person appointed, or an appointment falling to be made, to the police force, means the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary,
- (b) in relation to any other person or appointment, means the officer who has the direction and control of the body of constables in question;

“police authority”—

- (a) in relation to a person appointed, or an appointment falling to be made, to the police force, means the Police Authority for Northern Ireland,
- (b) in relation to any other person or appointment, means the authority by whom the person in question is or on appointment would be paid;

“police force” has the same meaning as in the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970.