Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 7(6) of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 (Cessation of Section 3) Order 1998

 Made
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 Coming into force
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Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 7(6) of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc.) Act 1996(1);

And whereas it appears to the Secretary of State that the negotiations mentioned in section 1 of that Act are concluded;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred on her by section 7(3) and (4) of that Act, the Secretary of State hereby makes the following Order:

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 (Cessation of Section 3) Order 1998 and shall come into force on the day after that on which this Order is made.
- **2.** Section 3 of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 shall cease to have effect on the day after that on which this Order is made.
- **3.** The Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 (Revival of Section 3) Order 1997(2) is hereby revoked.

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One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

^{(1) 1996} c. 11.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1997/1410.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under this Order, section 3 of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 ceases to have effect on 1998. Section 3 makes provision for a Forum constituted by delegates returned in accordance with Schedule 1 to the Act for the discussion of issues relevant to promoting dialogue and understanding within Northern Ireland.

Section 3 ceased to have effect on 22nd March 1997 pursuant to the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 (Cessation of Section 3) Order 1997 (S.I.1997/1046). It was brought into force again on 3rd June 1997 by the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 (Revival of Section 3) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1410) and, pursuant to that Order would (but for this Order), have remained in force until the end of May 1998.

This Order revokes the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 (Revival of Section 3) Order 1997.