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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8

COMBINATION OF POLLS: NORTHERN IRELAND

PART 3

FORMS REFERRED TO IN PART 1

Paragraph 11(4)

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Front of form

Declaration of identity

Election to the Northern Ireland Assembly

Ballot Paper no.....
(insert colour)

I am the person to whom the ballot paper numbered above was sent.

My date of birth is (you are not required to give your date of birth if you are to vote as a proxy for someone else).

Voter's signature

The voter, who is personally known to me, has signed this declaration in my presence.

Witness's signature

Name of witness (WRITE CLEARLY)

Address of witness (WRITE CLEARLY)

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

1. You must sign this declaration of identity in the presence of a person known to you. You are required to do this even if you have already signed a similar declaration of identity in respect of another poll to be held on the same day. That person should then sign this declaration as a witness, adding his or her name and address. Without this the declaration will be invalid.
2. Number the candidates in order of preference, putting “1” against the candidate of your 1st preference, “2” against your 2nd preference and so on. You should not put the same preference against more than one candidate. You may show your preference for as many or as few candidates as you wish. Put no other mark on the ballot paper, or your vote may not be counted. Do this secretly. If you cannot vote without assistance, the person assisting you must not disclose how you have voted.
3. Then proceed as follows—
 - (a) place each ballot paper in the correct smaller envelope and seal it;
 - (b) put that envelope, together with the correct declaration of identity, in the correct covering envelope and seal it;
 - (c) return the covering envelopes without delay. Ballot papers must be received by the returning officer not later than the close of poll.
4. If you receive more than one ballot paper, remember that it is illegal to vote more than once (otherwise than as proxy) at the same election. You are entitled to vote at different elections which are held on the same day.
5. At this election you cannot vote in person at a polling station, even if you receive an official poll card.
6. If by mistake you spoil your ballot paper, you can apply to the returning officer for another one. With your application you must return, in your own envelope, the spoiled ballot paper, the declaration of identity and the envelopes marked “A” and “B”. Remember that there is little time available if a fresh postal ballot paper is to be issued and counted.

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