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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Commission Supports Decision to End 50:50 Recruitment to PSNI**

The Equality Commission supports the decision by the Secretary of State not to renew the temporary “50:50” recruitment provisions to the PSNI.

We consider that the 50:50 recruitment arrangements have been a success but have advised that a return to standard recruitment arrangements was desirable at the earliest possible moment.

The Commission’s views on the matter are fully detailed in our response to the renewal of the provisions in 2010.

While acknowledging the efforts made and the results achieved over the past decade, the Commission will wish to continue its work with the PSNI to ensure that a formal and comprehensive strategy is developed and embedded, including appropriate affirmative action measures, to address the remaining degree of under-representation.