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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987**

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under Article 1(2)*

**THE ADOPTION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1987**

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### SCHEDULE 4 — AMENDMENTS

1. Ministerial Salaries and Members' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 18)
2. Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c. 34)
3. In section 100(1)(d) for “section 14 of the Adoption Act...
4. In section 151(1) for “the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967”...
5. In section 165— (a) in subsection (1) for “Part II...
6. Adoption (Hague Convention) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 22)
7. In section 5(1) for “or a specified country having power...
8. In section 8— (a) in subsection (1) for “section 24...
9. In section 9(3) for “6” substitute “1 or 6”.
10. In section 12— (a) insert the following definitions— “adoption order”...
11. Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (1972 NI 14)
12. After Article 87(2) insert— (2A) There shall be paid by...
13. Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (1976 NI 14)
14. In Article 37(1) for “section 25 of the Adoption Act...
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