

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order designates bodies for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The effect is to make the bodies listed in Article 2(2) and 3(2) of the Order “public authorities” for the purposes of that section. Such a public authority is subject to the statutory duties, set out in section 75(1) and (2), to have regard in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland—

- to the need to promote equality of opportunity; and
- to the desirability of promoting good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.