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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009 3:13 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: SO EXCITING!!

Fyi – she's happy

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**From:** Stella O'Leary [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009 2:24 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** SO EXCITING!!

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Cheryl,

At least as exciting as the thrill of this appointment is the honor of receiving a phone call from you. I am in awe of your genius and so look forward to meeting you. I am confident I will do a great job in this position and make you all proud of me.

With deepest gratitude

Stella

Mills, Cheryl D wrote:

**Stella:**

**I am connecting you to Ethan Gelber (as well as Jim Thessin who is in the Legal Advisor's office). He prepared the information below regarding this appointment**

**He will connect you with appropriate paperwork as well as with Shraddha Patel who does the vetting at State.**

**Ideally, if you can complete the necessary paperwork (which I am sure they will have to determine with USAID), we can move forward with your appointment.**

**Thank you for agreeing to undertake this service – we are very grateful.**

**Ethan Gelber can be reached at 202-647-4820.**

**Thanks so much.**

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**From:** Gelber, Ethan M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009 9:48 AM  
**To:** Carpenter, Margaret V.W.  
**Subject:** International Fund for Ireland

**International Fund for Ireland**

### Background

The International Fund for Ireland (IFI) was established as an independent international organization by the British and Irish Governments in 1986. With contributions from the U.S., EU, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, it has funded more than 5,800 projects across Ireland. The U.S. is the largest donor, having contributed \$421 million as of 2008. The Fund focuses its efforts on Northern Ireland and the southern border counties of Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo.

The Board of the Fund is appointed jointly by the British and Irish Governments and is assisted by an Advisory Committee comprised of senior officials appointed by the two Governments. The U.S., EU, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are represented by their international observers at meetings of the Board.

### Mission/Strategy

The mission of the IFI is to underpin efforts towards peace by promoting social and economic advance and encouraging contact, dialogue and reconciliation between nationalists and unionists throughout Ireland.

In January 2006, the IFI launched "Sharing this Space," a five-year strategy which marks a shift in emphasis for the Fund. This new strategy moved its focus away from economic regeneration to reconciliation.

### U.S. Observer/Appointment Info

There is an Observer as well as an alternate. In recent years, the alternate has been attending the meetings as the individual appointed as Observer in 2005 never attended any meetings. The last USG Observer to IFI was Mr. Robert T. Waters.

The position is not paid, but travel and lodging expenses are covered by the Governments of the UK and Ireland. The Board of Directors of the IFI meets four times a year.

Listed below is the current board members listed on their website ([International Fund for Ireland](http://www.internationalfundforireland.com)).

### Current Board Members

Mr. Denis Rooney, Chairman  
Mrs. Anne Henderson  
Ms. Mary Southwell  
Ms. Rose-Mary Farrell  
Mr. David Graham

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