Minutes of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
Extraordinary Meeting
9 March 2018

Present: Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner (EL); Professor Siobhán Mullally (SM);
Professor Ray Murphy (RM); Dr. Fidèle Mutwarasibio (FM); Sunniva
McDonagh (SMD)

Apologies: Teresa Blake, David Joyce, Orlagh O’Farrell (OO’F)

In Attendance: Laurence Bond – Director; Dr. Ruth Gallagher – Senior Advisor, Joint
Committee (RG); Muireann Ní Thualríg – Private Secretary (minutes)

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Commission took place between 10:00am and 10:20am on 9 March
2018, with some members participating by teleconference.

The Commission considered the draft Joint Committee policy statement on the withdrawal of the
United Kingdom from the European Union. RG briefed the Commission on the development of the
statement by staff of IHREC and the NIHRC in conjunction with the two Chief Commissioners, and its
consideration by the NIHRC.

SMD recommended amendment of the text on the role of the Fundamental Rights Agency to clarify
that the FRA does not provide legal protections but provides oversight regarding the protection of
rights and this was agreed.

OO’F’s recommended changes to the document which had been circulated in advance were agreed.

Commission members agreed the statement and agreed to proceed to publication on 14 March
2018. LB noted that the research report commissioned from Professor Aoife O’Donoghue and
colleagues would also be published. EL noted that it is planned to hold a Joint Committee meeting in
Belfast the week beginning 23 April 2018.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 10:20.

Signed: \[Signature\]
Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner

Date: 15 March 2018