

NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON FLOODING ISSUES

EXECUTIVE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS TO REDUCE THE RISKS AND IMPACTS OF FLOODING

Awareness

1. We will seek to improve awareness of the risks of flooding through the provision of better flood risk information and additional flood warning systems.

Avoidance

2. We shall publish revised national planning policy intended to strengthen the ability of planning authorities to prevent unsuitable further development where there is significant flood risk.

Alleviation

3. We are investing £40 million over the next three years to reduce flood risk for 1850 properties.

4. We will seek to reduce the risk of sewer flooding by continuing to encourage the use of sustainable urban drainage systems and working with Scottish Water to ensure that such systems are properly maintained.

5. We will seek to manage flood risk by improving national guidance and administrative procedures for promoting new flood alleviation schemes.

6. We will encourage joint working between local authorities, SEPA and Scottish Water to improve flood risk management and will establish a national technical advisory group.

Assistance

7. We are helping those who might be affected by flooding by encouraging the take up of insurance.

8. We will give better support to those affected by flooding.