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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith to

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Terence Norbert, Baron Donovan, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Alfred, Baron Robens of Woldingham;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Edwin Savory, Baron Tangley, Knight Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Harold Francis, Baron Collison, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Our Trusty and Well-beloved:
Sir George Pollock, Knight, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

George Woodcock, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Hugh Armstrong Clegg, Esquire;

Mary Georgina Green;

Otto Kahn-Freund, Esquire;

Andrew Akiba Shonfield, Esquire;

John Thomson, Esquire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration;

Eric Leonard Wigham, Esquire;

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue, to consider relations between managements and employees and the role of trade unions and employers' associations in promoting the interests of their members and in accelerating the social and economic advance of the nation, with particular reference to the Law affecting the activities of these bodies; and to report:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorise and appoint you the said Terence Norbert, Baron Donovan (Chairman); Alfred, Baron Robens of Woldingham; Edwin Savory, Baron Tangley; Harold Francis, Baron Collison; Sir George Pollock; George Woodcock; Hugh Armstrong Clegg; Mary Georgina Green; Otto Kahn-Freund; Andrew Akiba Shonfield; John Thomson and Eric Leonard Wigham to be Our Commissioners for the purpose of the said inquiry:

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any four or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; to call for information in writing; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorise and empower you, or any of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid:

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any four or more of you may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment:

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And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the eighth day of April, 1965, In the fourteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Frank Soskice

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