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**EXEC-0283-2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH PROTECTION
(CORONAVIRUS, RESTRICTIONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2020**

It was with much surprise that I learned that the Executive meeting had reconvened this afternoon without my knowledge.

As you are aware a decision was taken at the earlier meeting to suspend and reconvene to accommodate Minister Long as she had to attend the Ad Hoc Committee at the Assembly at 1.30. At that time I had advised Executive Colleagues that I too was scheduled to make a statement to the Ad Hoc Committee at 3.00pm so the agreement was that the full Executive would then reconvene around 4.30 this afternoon to continue the discussions and decision with regards to the above Executive paper.

I find it difficult to comprehend that the Executive would continue to discuss and agree a paper tabled by a Minister who is not in attendance at an Executive meeting nor was the Executive supported by Medical or Scientific Advisers on whose advice the proposed changes to the Regulations were made.

I would appreciate an explanation as to why and on what basis the Executive reconvened in my absence, and also in the absence of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Officer.

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