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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 492**

**The Criminal Appeal (Devolution  
Issues) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999**

**Adjournment of proceedings pending reference of devolution issue**

5.—(1) The proceedings in which an order is made under rule 3 referring the devolution issue to the Judicial Committee shall, unless the Court otherwise orders, be adjourned until the Judicial Committee has determined the issue referred to it.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be taken as preventing the Court from deciding any preliminary or incidental question which may arise in the proceedings after an order referring the devolution issue is made and before the Court has received the determination of the Judicial Committee.