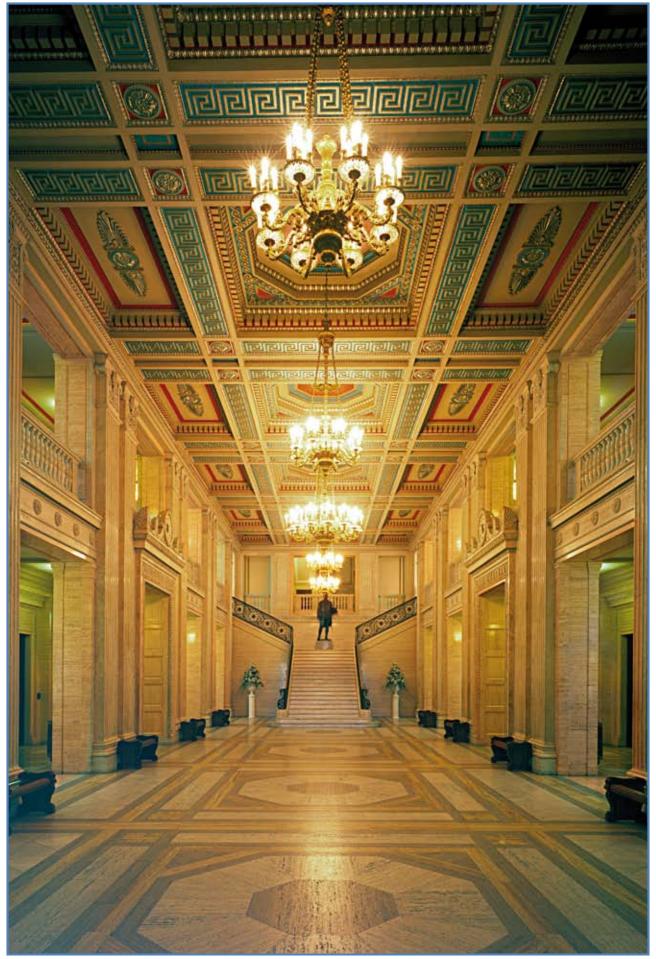
## Accommodating the Assembly

Engagement with civil society is a necessity in 21st century politics. Citizens are showing increasing interest in single issue politics and the Commission is very conscious that the Assembly must engage with civil society and promote public knowledge of and, most importantly, participation in the democratic process.



The Commission clearly recognises its responsibilities in these areas, as reflected in its new purpose, vision and strategic priorities. Translating these aspirations into a plan of action, including the specification of accommodation requirements is a major challenge.

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