



Questions posed by Ambassador Johnson to NIWC

1. Whether the parties to the political settlement (and that includes the parties identified with or enshrined with PIRA, UVF and UDA) should reaffirm their commitment to complete and unconditional decommissioning of illegal arms at the earliest possible dates?
2. What is the effect of paramilitaries in Northern Ireland who reject the political process on the parties in the process who have responsibility for decommissioning? Should these paramilitaries be allowed to excuse or let off the hook the three political parties currently identified with paramilitaries in the talks?
3. Should there be a specific commitment for decommissioning with certain dates attached to them? For example, by a certain date should a certain percentage of weapons be handed in and should a final date be set by which all weapons would be handed in? Should this be clearly stated in a final agreement?
4. What sanctions (if any) are parties willing to impose on other parties if there is a failure to comply with these commitments?

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