

## A POSSIBLE SEQUENCE

Actions by Parties in Assembly	Actions by Paramilitary Organisations
1. <u>Public Statements</u> by all parties renewing their commitment to democracy and non-violence and to the implementation of the Agreement in all its aspects.	<u>Statements</u> accepting obligation to bring about total paramilitary disarmament by May 2000 under the terms of the Agreement.
2. <u>Nominations under D'Hondt procedure</u> of persons to hold Ministerial office from Appointed Day [nominations would lapse in the absence of Devolution unless confirmed by Assembly on a cross-community basis] and establishment of the Statutory Committees of the Assembly.	<u>Appointment of 'contact person'</u> to liaise with Independent Commission on Decommissioning.
3. <u>Appointed Day Order</u> made specifying date in late October as the Appointed Day for Devolution.	<u>Notice to Commission of intention to decommission</u> all arms by May 2000.
4. <u>Transitional Period</u> of preparatory activity including preparation of draft Programme of Government, and preparation for NSMC and BIC.	Commission's <u>modalities report</u> confirming arrangements for completion of decommissioning by 22 May 2000.
5. <u>Late October: Appointed Day</u> for Devolution of power to the Assembly and <u>inaugural meetings</u> of: Executive Committee, NSMC, and BIC.	Commission issues <u>progress report</u> confirming verification of initial act(s) of decommissioning.
6. June 2000: (possible) review of progress on implementation of the Agreement.	Commission reports on compliance with commitment to complete decommissioning by May 2000.

Notes: Failsafe mechanism – legislation introduced in July to exclude from Executive and halt prisoner releases in respect of a Party linked to a paramilitary organisation if the Commission certify that organisation has failed to complete a prescribed step.

Timing – steps 1-3 to be completed during July 1999.

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