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To: Prime Minister Holkeri
Office of the Independent Chairmen

From: British and Irish Governments in respect of items 2-5 of the agenda for the remainder of the opening Plenary session.

Date: 24 September 1997

2(a) Plenary agrees to adjourn discussion of this item to a subsequent Plenary.

Plenary welcomes the decision of the British and Irish Governments to appoint General de Chastelain as Chairman of the Independent Commission and agrees that Senator Mitchell, Prime Minister Holkeri and General de Chastelain should act as Joint Chairmen of Strand

We attach a proposed procedural motion which we intend to move at this evening's plenary.

2(b) Plenary agrees that the resolution of the

We would be grateful if you would circulate this forthwith to all those participating parties likely to attend that plenary, for their information.

All delegations are hereby committed to work constructively and in good faith to secure the implementation of the compromise approach to decommissioning set out in the Report of the International Body;

Plenary supports the views of the British and Irish Governments, as set out in the joint statement by the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach on 16 September (copy attached as Annex 1), on consent and on the decommissioning of some paramilitary arms during the negotiations.

All delegations are committed to work constructively with the Independent Commission to enable it to carry out its role;

Plenary invites the Independent Commission to notify it of any case where the Commission considers that a participant has failed to engage properly with the Commission;

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