

NORTHERN IRELAND WOMEN'S COALITION
RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN ON HOW TO PROGRESS

1. Under Paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure the Chairman should establish two Sub-committees of the Plenary as follows;
 - Sub-committee 1 to explore arrangements and relationships "in the round"
 - Sub-committee 2 to explore justice and rights issues "in the round"
2. These Sub-committees should be chaired by the Plenary Chairman and his alternate.
3. The Sub-committee should be comprised of two persons per participant with one backup person.
4. The remit of the Sub-committees should be to explore and discuss "in the round" with no commitment being required from participants for agreement. This should not rule out the possibility for agreement, if agreement is forthcoming.
5. The sub-committee Chairman should take the soundings of the Sub-committee as to general agreement and identify areas of disagreement. Areas of agreement and disagreement should be checked with each party subsequently.
6. These Sub-committees could meet for three days in the first instance, with appropriate breaks for bilaterals if required.
7. Subsequently the Sub-committee could meet on Monday and Tuesday mornings with the afternoon of each day devoted to meetings in Strand 1 and Strand 2 format for more detailed discussion.

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