

ANNEX

CHOREOGRAPHY/SCENARIO FOR 10 JUNE

- delegations advised to arrive during the morning; buffet lunch
- suggest Senator Mitchell and his colleagues arrive by mid-morning to settle in and finish preparations (need to avoid Sinn Fein stunt)
 - note-taking team available (British nominees Tom Watson and Alan Clotworthy)
- handling Sinn Fein protest (see covering note)
- Prime Minister arrives about 12.50; buffet lunch with Government Team
- ? buffet lunch for Senator Mitchell and staff in their own offices
- Taoiseach arrives about 1.45pm, greeted by Prime Minister and brought to Secretary of State's office
- Prime Minister and Taoiseach greets Senator Mitchell and colleagues outside the Conference Room (for the cameras)
- 2pm: negotiations begin. Proposed seating plan attached
 - Loyalists may walk out at Taoiseach's presence
- statements by Prime Minister and Taoiseach, launching the Talks; conclude by inviting Senator Mitchell to take over the Chair; leave (with Ministers of State) for press conference
 - Unionists may challenge Independent Chairmanship or at least assert a right to be consulted on/agree to the arrangements (?Secretary of State and Tanaiste to deal with the point as a point of order)

Introductory remarks by Chairman

■ formal declarations by each delegation making clear their total and absolute commitment to the International Body's principles of democracy and non-violence (?moving clockwise/anticlockwise from the Chairman, or the two Governments followed by the parties in alphabetical/size order)

■ secure agreement to a public statement capturing those commitments in unambiguous language (? offer draft)

- ? Senator Mitchell to read statement to media at close of business

■ appointment of Business Committee (? 2 per Government/larger party, 1 from each of the 4 smaller parties)

■ NB probably UUP objections to the rest of the agenda (? remit to Business Committee initially, or take as point of order)

■ if appropriate, begin round of opening statements (? order, as before)

■ concluding the day's business

~ agree format/time for next meeting

- agree terms of any statement to the press (including statement recording everyone's total and absolute commitment to the International Body's principles)

PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND NON-VIOLENCE

final

[Statement by Chairman]

As Chairman of the opening plenary session of these negotiations I confirm that all participants in the negotiations - that is, the British and Irish Governments, the Alliance Party, Labour, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, the Progressive Unionist Party, the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the Ulster Democratic Party, the Ulster Democratic Unionist Party, and the UK Unionist Party - have made clear their total and absolute commitment to all the principles of democracy and non-violence set out in paragraph 20 of the report of the International Body, that is:

- to democratic and exclusively peaceful means of resolving political issues;
- to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations;
- to agree that such disarmament must be verifiable to the satisfaction of an independent commission;
- to renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force, or threaten to use force, to influence the course or the outcome of all-party negotiations;
- to agree to abide by the terms of any agreement reached in all-party negotiations and to resort to democratic and exclusively peaceful methods in trying to alter any aspects of that outcome with which they may disagree; and
- to urge that "punishment" killings and beatings stop and to take effective steps to prevent such actions.

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Senator George Mitchell