

THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Consideration of any proposed changes to the rules of procedure drawn up by the two Governments for adoption in plenary.
2. Adoption of an indicative calendar for the negotiations.
3. Possible consideration of draft agenda.
4. Decisions on venues of Strand Two meetings.

Topics likely to arise include:

- The constitutional position of Northern Ireland
- The nature of institutional arrangements for and within Northern Ireland, which meet any agreed criteria, including, nature and extent of powers eg legislative, executive, administrative; structures for exercising these powers; safeguards to maintain cross-community confidence and financial arrangements;
- The extent to which present or proposed arrangements attract the assent and support of both sides of the community and ensure equity of treatment;
- Relationships with other institutions eg Westminster Parliament, any new North/South relationships, any new Intergovernmental arrangements and the European Union;