

The British Government will chair Strand 1 of the negotiations and the British and Irish Governments will jointly chair Strand III. The two Governments have decided to invite a group consisting of Senator George Mitchell, General John de Chastelain and Mr Harri Holkeri to play a role in chairing the various aspects of the negotiations which require independent Chairmanship. They have agreed to invite the chairman of the group, Senator Mitchell, to chair the plenary sessions, to which the various Strands and any sub-committees which the plenary may establish will report, and which will periodically review progress across the entire spectrum of the negotiations. The two Governments will also invite Senator Mitchell, with the help of his colleagues, to assist them in giving effect to their joint commitment under paragraph 15 of the Ground Rules. They have also agreed to invite General de Chastelain to provide the independent chairmanship in Strand II. He would also chair the Business Committee, unless the talks participants, in accordance with the Ground Rules, were to decide otherwise. They have agreed to invite Mr Holkeri to act as Alternate Chairman in any of the independent Chairmanship roles. They agreed that it will open to the Group to propose alternative options to the two Governments in the light of the requirements of the negotiations or as circumstances warrant.