

# Ulster Democratic Party

## **Liaison Sub-Committee on Confidence Building Measures**

### **Position on Rule 17 of Rules of Procedure**

Rule 17 clearly states that “ ..... each participant will be able to raise any significant issue of concern to them and receive a fair hearing for those concerns without their ability to do so being subject to the veto of any other party in the negotiations.”

Item 2 (c) para. 2 of the Procedural Motion restricts the raising of matters within the Liaison Sub-Committee on Confidence Building Measures to; all aspects of the Report of the International Body relating to further confidence measures; and to other matters referred to the Sub-Committee by agreement within the Plenary

We believe that this runs counter to the substance and spirit of Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure. In keeping with the substance and spirit of Rule 17 we advocate that participants be free to raise directly within the Sub-Committee on Confidence Building Measures any issue of concern to them.