

MEMORANDUM

06 September 1996

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UPDATE ON: AGENDA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE OPENING PLENARY AND THE COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

Reference: Letter of 30 July 96 (attached at FLAG A)

BACKGROUND

1. At the Informal Meeting of Members of the Plenary Committee, held on Thursday 25 July, agenda proposals for the "Remainder of the Opening Plenary" were tabled. These were included in a side-by-side chart circulated on Monday 29 July and reflected submissions from the British and Irish Governments, the UDP, the DUP, the UUP and the UKUP (see FLAG B). At the end of the Resumed Opening Plenary, chaired by Prime Minister Holkeri on 29 July, the question of additional proposals for the Remainder of the Opening Plenary (scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 09 September 96) and additional proposals for the Comprehensive Agenda were discussed (the latter having been called-for by Senator Mitchell to be received by 6:00 p.m. on Monday 29 July).
2. By the end of the 29 July meeting, new proposals for the Remainder of the Opening Plenary had been received from the Alliance Party (verbally), the SDLP, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and from the DUP, UKUP and UUP (jointly). Prime Minister Holkeri invited other parties to make proposals if they wished. On 30 July a joint revised proposal was received from the British and Irish Governments. The reference letter (FLAG A) called for any further proposals to be sent to the Chairman of the Business Committee, care-of the Talks Administration Unit, during the course of the summer.
3. The question of whether proposals for the Remainder of the Opening Plenary should be circulated was discussed at the 29 July meeting, and through representations made to the Chairman of the Business Committee on 30 July it was decided to circulate only those proposals whose sponsors specifically asked that that happen. As regards the Comprehensive Agenda, it was decided that since the Plenary Committee had not reached discussion of that subject yet, it would be premature to circulate any proposals concerning it.
4. Finally, it was noted in the reference letter (FLAG A) that any party submitting new agenda proposals for either the Remainder of the Opening Plenary or for the Comprehensive Agenda, was free to circulate them if it wished.

AIM

5. The aim of this memorandum is to:

- a. Update the situation regarding agenda proposals for the Remainder of the Opening Plenary scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 09 September; and
- b. Refresh memory on the proposals currently made for the Comprehensive Agenda.

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6. At FLAG B is the 29 July paper which includes side-by-side agenda proposals for the Remainder of the Opening Plenary, as submitted by the British and Irish Governments, the UDP, the DUP, the UUP and the UKUP.

7. As of 30 July, agenda proposals for the Remainder of the Opening Plenary had been received from:

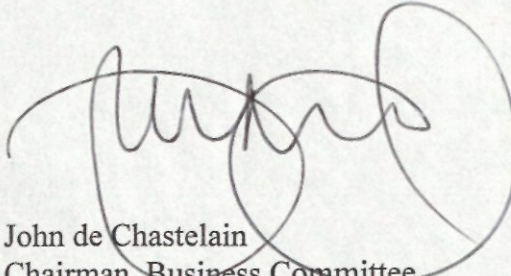
- a. Combined HMG/Irish Government proposal (circulated);
- b. Combined DUP/UKUP/UUP proposal (not circulated);
- c. SDLP proposal (not circulated);
- d. Alliance Party proposal (verbal; circulated); and
- e. Northern Ireland's Women's Coalition proposal (circulated).

These are included at FLAG C

8. On 31 July the UDP submitted a revision of their proposal tabled on 25 July. This revision is included at FLAG D. As of 06 September, agenda proposals have not been received from the Labour Party and the PUP.

COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

9. Proposals for the Comprehensive Agenda, all of them received prior to 30 July, are included at FLAG E.



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