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AGENDA FOR REMAINDER OF OPENING PLENARY

Item 2 (c) 'Consideration of, and agreement on mechanisms for achieving further progress on decommissioning alongside progress in three strands'

1. Liaison Sub-committee of Plenary on Decommissioning

A Liaison sub-committee of Plenary on Decommissioning (the Committee) shall be established comprised of representatives of all parties in the negotiations. It shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Plenary and will report regularly to the Plenary.

Responsibilities

The Committee will be charged with assisting the implementation of [all aspects of decommissioning as set out in] the Report of the International Body. In particular it will be required;

- to consider any legislative proposals by either government, and any proposed regulations;
- to consider the type of scheme or schemes for decommissioning and the role of the Independent Commission in respect of same;
- to consider proposals for such schemes drawn up by the Independent Commission, and to submit any agreed opinion on these proposals for consideration by the Commission.

[The Committee will also consider all other aspects of the International Body's Report as may be raised by participants.]

2. Independent Commission

An Independent Commission shall operate in both jurisdictions with appropriate immunity as determined by the special legislation and regulations on decommissioning enacted by the British and Irish Parliaments. It shall be furnished with independent legal and technical advisors and, where appropriate, shall be given access to the technical expertise of the British and Irish Security forces.

Responsibilities

- to consult with the Committee, both Governments, and others whom it deems relevant on the type of scheme or schemes for decommissioning including the role of the Independent Commission in respect of each scheme;
- to present to both Governments proposals for schemes having due regard to the views expressed by the Committee;
- to facilitate, observe, monitor and verify decommissioning and to receive and audit armaments, according to the schemes laid down;
- to report periodically to the Committee and to both Governments.

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