



POSSIBLE REFORUMULATION OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION'S ROLE

The [Independent/Disarmament and Verification] Commission will, among other matters, remain in close touch with the progress of the substantive political negotiations and will consult with the Liaison [sub] Committee (see below) on the conditions necessary for mutual decommissioning to occur. In the light of that the Commission will, on the basis of implementing the International Body's compromise approach to decommissioning, offer an opinion, when it judges the time is right, that the circumstances are such that mutual decommissioning should be expected to commence.

[Comment: One criticism which has been made of the approach suggested above is that a Commission appointed largely on the basis of technical expertise to facilitate the practicalities of decommissioning might not be an appropriate body to offer an essentially political judgement in this key area. That criticism could be met by appointing members with appropriate qualifications.]

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