

BASIS FOR SDLP - UUP - APNI TRI-LATERALS

The SDLP & Alliance indicated that the terms of entry for Sinn Féin were, in their view, a matter for the British and Irish Governments as laid down in legislation and consequently, could not be part of these discussions.

The SDLP and APNI also indicated their expectation that agreement on Item 2 of the agenda would contain a commitment to launch the 3 stranded negotiating process and to establish the mechanisms for decommissioning.

The UUP maintained throughout that there were other matters relevant to decommissioning and the terms of entry for Sinn Féin which would need to be addressed before agreement on Item 2 of the agenda could be reached by Plenary.