

HMG PROPOSED AGENDA FOR STRAND ONE ISSUES
(amended 30 July 96)

1. Discussion of requirements for a new beginning for relationships within Northern Ireland.
2. Consideration of possible principles and criteria for new arrangements within Northern Ireland.
3. The question of institutional and other practical implications of these discussions.

Topics likely to arise include:

- Constitutional Issues*
- ~~The constitutional position of Northern Ireland;~~
 - The nature of institutional arrangements for and within Northern Ireland, which meet any agreed criteria, including, nature and extent of powers eg legislative, executive, administrative; structures for exercising these powers; safeguards to maintain cross-community confidence and financial arrangements;
 - The extent to which present or proposed arrangements attract the assent and support of both sides of the community and ensure equity of treatment;
 - Relationships with other institutions eg Westminster Parliament, any new North/South relationships, any new Intergovernmental arrangements and the European Union;
 - Consideration of arrangements for the protection of rights;
 - law and order matters.

This list is not comprehensive and other issues may emerge in discussion.

4. Report to Plenary