

15 October

PROPOSALS REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

Please find enclosed the draft agenda for Strand 1 originally proposed by the British Government, incorporating the amendment notified to delegates at the end of July.

There is no change to the draft agendas for Strands 2 and 3 (also attached for ease of reference) which were proposed by the British and Irish Governments on 25 July.

So far as the British Government is concerned those draft agendas were intended to provide a basis for discussion. They were based, with only minor adjustments, on the agendas agreed in 1991/92 by the participants in those Talks.

There was of course a certain amount of discussion about the nature of the comprehensive agenda during consideration of the rules of procedure. The British Government would quite understand if the parties wished to adapt their positions on the comprehensive agenda in the light of that discussion; and would be happy to fall in with any alternative proposals which seemed capable of winning general support.