

Possible formula for resolving difficulties surrounding implementation bodies

There would be a commitment from the Assembly and from the Oireachtas, written into the overall agreement, to enact (listed in an appendix) 'implementation bodies' of various design, when the Ministers from North and South meet, and agree. This commitment would be written into legislation and would therefore be an integral part of the total agreement which must be implemented as a whole.

A 'Ministerial Obligation' taken by Ministers in the Assembly would ensure that those holding office in that Assembly, would undertake to fulfil all their duties, including representation on, and the commitment to, the implementation of any decisions reached, by the North/South Ministerial Council.

This would give Nationalists the required guarantee, that would ensure the full working of the North/South Ministerial Council, from Ministerial level down to the implementation of agreements or decisions reached by those Ministers and solidly enshrined in the principle of jurisdictional accountability.