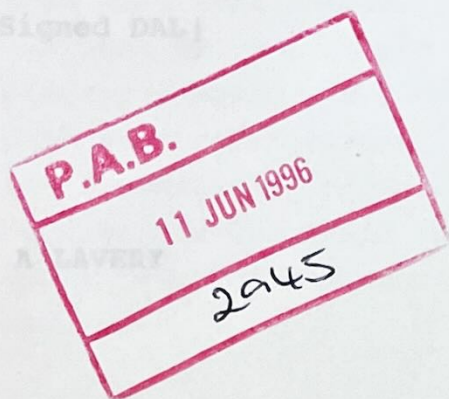


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PRE-PLenary MEETING: INT/1

1. This is to let you have a minor, but relatively important correction to your note of yesterday's pre-plenary meeting.
2. In paragraph 25, the final passage of the last sentence ("but the Secretary of State refused this") should in fact come at the end of the penultimate sentence ("Dr Paisley suggested a further one hour adjournment ..."). There was, of course, no suggestion of the Secretary of State having refused further consultations with the DUP.
3. This could most easily be corrected if all copy recipients could delete the words (from "but" to the end) at the end of the last sentence.

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4. It might also be a sensible precaution to have the record copy corrected.

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1. While a number of parties indicated at the 15 June session that they were content with the proposals for the management of the negotiations set out in the 6 June papers "Scenario for the opening plenary session", "Procedural Guidelines" and "Draft Agenda", others expressed reservations. These concerns focused (in particular) on the "Guidelines" paper setting out the procedures which would be operated by the chair during the negotiations, but also covered the appointment of chairmen and the agenda for the opening plenary session.

2. It is believed that, for the orderly transaction of business, it would be beneficial to appoint Independent Chairmen as soon as possible. These appointments having been made, points of concern about the procedural guidelines would then be fully explored in an appropriate forum, and the agenda for the opening plenary session would also be fully considered, and pending resolution of these issues the opening plenary would not move beyond item 6 on the proposed agenda tabled on 6 June (Opening Statements).

3. This proposal is put forward in order to underline that the procedural and other arrangements for the opening plenary must be to the satisfaction of the participants. The proposed Independent Chairmen have also authorized the Governments to make clear that they recognize that ultimately agreement in these and all other matters in these negotiations is a matter for the participants.

4. It is therefore proposed that the 11 June meeting should consider the following proposal for the day's business:

1. Appointment to chairmanships of Senator Mitchell (Plenary), General de Chastelain (Strand 2 and Sub-Committee) and Mr Holkeri (Alternate Chairman).

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