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THE UK UNIONIST PARTY'S PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH IT CONSIDERS THE ISSUE OF
DECOMMISSIONING IS TO BE ADDRESSED

The UK Unionist Party will require the following principles to be observed by Sinn Fein or any other party associated with or understood to be representative of any terrorist grouping, to the Talks Process:-

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- (1) The declaration by Sinn Fein/IRA of a complete and permanent cease fire
 - (2) Subscription by both Sinn Fein and the IRA to the six Mitchell Principles.
 - (3) A declaration by the two governments that Sinn Fein's entry into the Talks at any stage must be preceded by the declaration of a complete and permanent cease fire.
 - (4) A declaration by both governments that Sin Fein can only be admitted to the Talks after both governments have enacted all enabling legislation and passed all necessary regulations for the practical processing of decommissioning.
 - (5) That any such permanent and complete cease fire is accompanied by the handing over of a credible amount of weapons and explosives as an earnest of Sinn Fein's good faith.
 - (6) That the democratic process of negotiations is in no way related to the decommissioning process which will progress to completion whether or not a political agreement is secured.

The UK Unionist Party calls upon all other pro-Union parties to adopt the above principles as the basis for Unionist requirements for the addressing of the issue of decommissioning.

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