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Members

<u>Meeting of the Business Committee</u>

1.   In accordance with the decision reached at the Plenary Meeting last night, the Business Committee will meet in Room B-4.3, Castle Buildings, on Tuesday 30 September at 10:00 a.m..

2.   In anticipation of the Meeting I would ask Participants to consider the following:

     a.   Points for the Agenda; and

     b.   Confirmation of Representatives.

3.   <u>Agenda</u>.   Items already suggested for the Agenda include the following:

     a.   The Alliance Party recommendation that media be admitted to sessions of the Strand negotiations;

     b.   The clarification of when a Participant in the talks is no longer a Participant. The Rules of Procedure are silent on the issue, although Rule 23 anticipates that Participants may withdraw temporarily or permanently.   This item may be superseded by the Participants' opinions requested by Senator Mitchell in response to a query concerning the distribution of Minutes to a Participant who has withdrawn from the Talks;

     c.   Confirmation of schedules for the Strand Talks (Rules 11 and14); and

     d.   Confirmation of schedules for meetings of the Business Committee.   Should these be regularised or called on an as-required basis?

4.   Participants are requested to notify the Chairmen's Staff of any additional Agenda items suggested for the next meeting.   Suggestions are requested by 2:00 p.m. on Monday 29 September. A compilation of suggested Agenda Items will then be distributed to Participants by 5:00 p.m. on Monday for their consideration prior to the Business Committee meeting on Tuesday 30 September. The first item of business at the Meeting will be confirmation of the Agenda.

5.   <u>Confirmation of Representatives</u>.   Participants are also asked to notify the Staff by 2:00 pm on Monday 29 September of any changes in their representatives on the Business Committee.

Chairman

General John de Chastelain   **Senator George J. Mitchell**   **Prime Minister Harri Holkeri**