A PROPOSITION FROM THE BRITISH & IRISH GUERNHENTS 25 JULY 96

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR STRAND ONE ISSUES

- 1. Discussion of requirements for a new beginning for relationships within Northern Ireland.
- 2. Consideration of possible principles and criteria for new arrangements within Northern Ireland.
- 3. The question of institutional and other practical implications of these discussions.

Topics likely to arise include:

- The constitutional position of Northern Ireland;
- The nature of institutional arrangements for and within Northern Ireland, which meet any agreed criteria, including, nature and extent of powers eg legislative, executive, administrative; structures for exercising these powers; safeguards to maintain cross-community confidence and financial arrangements;
- The extent to which present or proposed arrangements attract the assent and support of both sides of the community and ensure equity of treatment;
- Rélationships with other institutions eg Westminster Parliament, any new North/South relationships, any new Intergovernmental arrangements and the European Union;
- Consideration of arrangements for the protection of rights;
- law and order matters.

This list is not comprehensive and other issues may emerge in discussion.

4. Report to Plenary

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR STRAND TWO ISSUES

- 1. Discussion of requirements for a new beginning for relationships within the island of Ireland, including fundamental aspects of the problem: underlying realities; identity; allegiance; constitutional.
- 2. Common interests (including matters such as economic co-operation and development, security co-operation and law enforcement co-operation) and themes.
- 3. The question of institutional arrangements and any other practical implications to meet agreed requirements (including principles to govern any such arrangements).
- 4. Relationship of such new institutional arrangements to other structures eg: UK
 Government and Parliament; Irish Government and Parliament; Northern Ireland
 structures; Irish-UK intergovernmental structures; the European Union.
- 5. Measures for the guarantee and protection of rights.
- 6. Consequential measures needed to implement, support and underwrite such new structures.
- 7. Report to Plenary.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR STRAND THREE ISSUES

- 1. Opening presentations by the two Governments.
- 2. Establishment of necessary mechanisms to provide a meaningful role for the political parties in respect of Strand Three issues.
- 3. Examination of the causes of the conflict in Northern Ireland, its impact and its implications for the two Governments.
- 4. Principles and criteria which should underpin new arrangements, including requirements to acknowledge and recognise the rights of the two major traditions that exist in Ireland.
- 5. The question of institutional arrangements and provisions of any new agreement or structure.
- 6. Arrangements needed to implement, support and underwrite any new agreement or structure.
- 7. Constitutional issues.
- 8. Consideration of arrangements for the protection of rights.
- 9. Arrangements for the approval and implementation of a comprehensive agreement.
- 10. Report to Plenary.