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BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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To: Members

From: Chairman

Meeting of the Business Committee

1. The existence of the Business Committee was approved by a meeting of the Plenary Committee on 29 July 1996, and its role and responsibilities were included in the *Northern Ireland Negotiations, Rules of Procedure* which were likewise approved by the Plenary Committee on the same date.
2. Pursuant to a decision of the Plenary Committee taken on 22 October 1996, the Business Committee will meet to discuss a proposal that the *Rules of Procedure* be amended so as to disband the Business Committee forthwith.
3. Accordingly, a meeting of the Business Committee will be held in room B 4.3 Castle Buildings, Stormont, at 10:00 a.m on Monday 28 October, with a single-item agenda to discuss the proposal.
4. In preparation for the discussion, members are invited to review paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 of the *Rules of Procedure*, which detail the role of the Business Committee, as well as paragraphs 2, 3, 8, 11, 12, 19, 21 and 28 which describe its further responsibilities/requirements.
5. While no time limit will be placed on the discussion of this single issue, participants are reminded that the Plenary Committee discussion of decommissioning will resume at 12:00 p.m. on Monday 28 October.

Chairman