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5 November 1997

### **MEMBERS**

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Business Committee will take place on Wednesday 12 November at 10.30am in Room 5.16 (adjacent to the main Conference Room).

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of 29 October meeting.
- 2. Update on scheduling arrangements for weeks commencing 17 and 24 November and 1 December.
- 3. Proposals for Christmas recess dates.
- 4. Any other business..
- 5. Date of next meeting.

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### **SCHEDULES**

- Reference: A. Minutes of the Business Committee Meeting of Wednesday 29 October, dated 03 Nov 1997
  - B. Procedural Motion, Adopted 24 September 1997
- 1. Reference A directed the Chairman of the Business Committee to consult with the appropriate Chairmen to determine:
  - a. The scheduling of a meeting of the Plenary to review progress across the entire spectrum of the negotiations, in accordance with paragraph 5 of reference B.
    - After consultation the recommendation is that the session should take place from Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive, at times to be announced:
  - b. The scheduling of meetings of the Liaison Sub-Committee on Decommissioning and the Liaison Sub-Committee on Confidence Building Measures (CBM).

### After consultation the recommendation is that:

- (1) <u>The Decommissioning Sub-Committee</u> should meet on Monday, 17 November at 4:00 p.m.; and
- (2) <u>The CBM Sub-Committee</u> should meet on Tuesday, 18 November at 4:00 p.m.; and
- c. The general matter of starting times of the various meetings.
  - After consultation it was represented that individual Chairmen must have the flexibility to make the final decision on timings for meetings.
- 2. The Chairman of the Business Committee was advised of additional scheduling proposals. These included:
  - a. Week of 10 November
    - (1) <u>Strand Two</u> Monday, 10 November at 11:00 a.m.;

- (2) Strand One Monday, 10 November at 2:30 p.m.; and
- (3) <u>Strand Three</u> (Liaison Meeting with the Parties) The two Governments will be in touch with the parties to confirm a date and time for the next meeting.
- 3. <u>Business Committee</u>. Reference A noted that the next Business Committee meeting would take place on Wednesday, 12 November, at a time in the afternoon to be notified. Since the afternoon was specified to accommodate a Strand Three Liaison Meeting which will now be rescheduled, it is proposed that the Business Committee meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday 12 November.
- 4. Members are reminded that at the next meeting, proposals on timings for the Christmas Break will be solicited.

Chairman

**Business Committee** 

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