Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)

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MEMO

To: Independent Chairman's Office

From: Ulster Unionist Party

Dealing with additional Confidence Building Measures

- 1. We believe that the LSC should be the interface between the Plenary and International Disarmament Commission on the modalities of decommissioning.
- 2. What we regard as being *Structural* Confidence building matters, such as Policing or Emergency Provisions Legislation etc. should be dealt with in the Strand discussions.
- 3. We suggest that other matters, loosely described as *Non-substantive/day-to-day* issues arising, could be referred by participants to the Talks Business committee, which would then determine whether or not they are suitable for Plenary negotiations or could be dealt with by the Forum.
- 4. The Forum was designed as the Body to address the day-to-day concerns which Parties may have, and as it is open to the Public, it presents a perfect platform for elected representatives to air grievances and concerns. UUP believes that better use should be made of this outlet.
- 5. The potential entry into the process of Sinn Fein continues to cast a shadow over the Talks. UUP is determined to ensure that all who participate are fully and genuinely committed to pursue their political objectives by exclusively peaceful means.

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