Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)

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Possible Draft Procedural motion

2a) Plenary agrees to adjourn discussion of this item to a subsequent Plenary, noting that not all delegations have had this matter addressed to their satisfaction.

Plenary welcomes the decision of the British and Irish Governments to appoint General de Chastelain as chairman of the Independent Commission.

2b) Plenary agrees that the resolution of the decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation, alongside other confidence building measures.

Plenary supports the view of the British and Irish Governments that it would like to see the decommissioning of some paramilitary arms during the negotiations.

All delegations are hereby committed to negotiate in good faith to secure the implementation of this compromise, as set out in the Mitchell Report.

All delegations are committed to work constructively with the Independent Commission to enable it to carry out its role.

Plenary invites the Independent Commission to notify it of any case where the Commission considers that a participant has failed to engage properly with the Commission.

2c) Plenary agrees to establish two sub-committees as follows: -

1) Liaison Sub-Committee on Decommissioning.

A liaison sub-committee of Plenary on decommissioning (the committee) shall be established comprised of representatives of all participants in the negotiations. It shall be chaired by the Chairperson of Plenary, and will report regularly to Plenary.



Responsibilities

The committee will be charged with assisting the implementation of all aspects of decommissioning as set out in the Report of the International Body. In particular it will be required:

- to consider any legislative proposals by either Government, and any proposed regulations;
- to consider the type of scheme or schemes for decommissioning and the role of the Independent Commission in respect of same;
- to consider proposals for such schemes drawn up by the Independent Commission, and to submit any agreed opinion on the proposals for consideration by the Commission.

2) Liaison Sub-Committee on confidence building measures.

A liaison sub-committee on confidence building measures (the committee) shall be established comprised of representatives of all the participants in the negotiations. It shall be chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of the Plenary and will report regularly to Plenary.