

STRAND ONE: A POSSIBLE WORKPLAN

A: the following was the suggestion I put forward this morning for work over the next few weeks:

today, following any general points participants may make, a discussion revolving round paragraph 2 of the Propositions, on institutions;

[next week, in London: no Strand One business envisaged];

week beginning 2 February, continue on the question of institutions, and consider also rights and safeguards;

week beginning 9 February, police and justice issues;

[week beginning 16 February: Dublin, no Strand One business envisaged];

week beginning 23 February, we might seek to draw together whatever agreements have emerged.

*B. I also suggested that if we had a general **debate on institutions this week**, we might aim to cover in turn 4 or 5 headings:*

an **Assembly**: its form, how it is elected, the range of its powers, its procedures;

how people would be selected from it to discharge **executive functions**, and how they would account to it for them;

what **other institutions**, elected or not, might be required: one possibility here is the directly elected **panel** that emerged from the 1992 negotiations. We could also consider here **arrangements if any for the collective responsibility** of those with executive functions.

We might then consider in the round what the 'Propositions' describe as '**provisions to ensure that all sections of the community can participate and work together** successfully in the operation of these institutions and that all sections of the community are protected'.

Finally we could address briefly **relationships with other institutions**, though detailed discussion might be left till work in other strands has moved on.

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