

FROM: The British and Irish Governments

TO: Participating Political Parties

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STRAND 3 LIAISON

At the Business Committee meeting on 29 October 1997 the Governments raised the possibility of arranging a further Strand 3 liaison meeting in pursuance of rules 39 and 40.

They believe such a meeting would be most fruitful after they have had an opportunity to review responses to their paper, "Strand 3 - A New Agreement", dated 14 October.

The Governments accordingly propose that any party wishing to submit a paper responding to the Governments' paper and which have not already done so, should pass it to the British or Irish Government delegations by Friday 14 November. Unless advised to the contrary the Governments will circulate copies of all such papers to the other participating parties.

They further suggest that a Strand 3 liaison meeting should take place at 10.30 am on Tuesday 18 November in the Conference Room at Castle Buildings. Alternatively, should this be the wish of the participants, the Governments, separately or together, would be very happy to meet the parties in bilateral format within the terms of rule 41 during the period 17-26 November.