

27 October, 1997

To all Strand One participants

STRAND THREE LIAISON MEETING 28 OCTOBER

Attached is a note concerning the above issued jointly by the British and Irish Governments.

From: The British and Irish Governments

To: Participating Political Parties

Date: 27 October 1997

**MEETING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES
IN RELATION TO STRAND THREE**

1. Pursuant to rule 40 of the rules of procedure and in the light of discussion at the Business Committee on Wednesday 22 October, the British and Irish Governments are pleased to invite each party to attend a meeting to be held in the Conference Room at Castle Buildings on Tuesday 28 October at 4 pm.
2. The Governments would like to hear the parties' views on the issues identified in the annex to the consultation paper which they circulated on 14 October entitled, "Strand Three - A New Agreement".
3. Rule 40 specifies that meetings of this kind should involve up to three members of the negotiating team of each political party and rule 28 specifies that parties may only be represented at such meetings by elected delegates. Without prejudice to any subsequent ruling by the Business Committee, the Governments propose that each party should nominate up to three people, including at least one elected delegate, to attend the meeting but that only elected delegates should play a formal part in the proceedings.