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Assessment

Without Rules of Procedure to govern the conduct of this stage of the proceedings it has been accepted that unanimity is needed in order that Rules of Procedure be adopted. However, it is clear that fundamental disagreement exists in many areas. Such disagreement could bog down the process, at least for a considerable time, unless a method is agreed to resolve the impasse.

The DUP have categorised the Rules of Procedure firstly to identify (a) those already agreed and (b) those yet to be agreed. Secondly of those yet to be agreed:-

- (1) those draft rules we require to be resolved to our satisfaction before the slate of rules, as a whole, can be adopted;
- (2) subject to (1) those draft rules from which we would be prepared to remove our block;
- (3) subject to (1) those draft rules we would assent to being processed by the agreed decision making process outlined in the draft Rules of Procedure; and
- (4) subject to (1) those draft rules which could be disposed of by means of an agreed resolution of the opening Plenary rather than as a Rules of Procedure;
- (5) those draft rules that we believe could be agreed by minor amendment without controversy.

Already Agreed

4	5	6	12	12a	13	14	15b	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	28a	29	30	32	33	35	36

Not Agreed

1	DU1	DU3	2	3	7	8	9	10	11
15	15a	15c	17a	20a	27a	31	34	GR17	DU2

Requires resolution

15*	15a*	17a	DU2	DU1	DU3
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Block could be removed

8	34	1	7
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Could be made subject to vote

2	3	11	20a	31
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To be resolved by other means

27a #	15c ~	GR17 #
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Could be resolved by minor amendment

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* If the Draft Rule 15 is dropped we would remove our block from 15a. We would then drop DU21. (*no public comment by chairperson*)

If delegates agree the principle contained in the text it could be removed from the Draft Rules of procedures and passed as a resolution at the Opening Plenary. While we do not accept the text of GR17 the issue it relates to can also be dealt with at the Opening Plenary.

~ This can be by general understanding but always subject to a Business Committee decision and does not need to be a rule of procedure.

< As an alternative to 9 -

The Chairmen may bring forward specific suggestions if it is regarded as helpful by the relevant delegations.

> Instead of the words "*subject to co-ordination with*" insert "*having regard to the views of*".