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Sir Patrick Mayhew QC, MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Dear

I refer to the papers you faxed yesterday afternoon containing proposals for the opening of the talks, the agenda and procedural guidelines.

You will know from our earlier discussions that we do not agree with certain aspects of these proposals. In particular I have to tell you that the proposed agenda for the opening plenary session is **unacceptable**.

I therefore await your suggestions for further discussion for the purpose of reaching agreement on the agenda for the opening session.

Sincerely

David Trimble MP