

Opening Plenary Session Agenda

1. Formal statement by the head of Her Majesty's Government and declaration of formal opening of the negotiations.
2. Response by Mr Bruton as leader of the Irish Government delegation and the leaders of the other delegations.
3. Discussion as to the confidentiality of the proceedings and the terms to be agreed for media coverage.
4. Prime Minister to seek nominations for the position of interim chairperson(s). Such chair person(s) to be chosen from each of the largest parties representing each of the two communities. Such Chairpersons to act alternatively.
5. Agreement as to the form of the Declaration to be signed by the participants, making clear their total and absolute commitment to the principles of democracy and non violence; and the public acceptance of the same (draft of proposed Declaration) annexed.
6. (a) Discussion of decommissioning proposals, including time of commencement, duration and completion of its implementation.
(b) Determination of the circumstances in which failure by any participant to both meet and honour items 5 and 6 (a) will result in the exclusion of such participant from any negotiations.
7. Discussion of the circumstances in which a Party not eligible to participate in the negotiations *ab initio* subsequently claims to have qualified for participation.
8. Discussion of Agenda.
9. Appointment of a committee to receive nominations for the office of independent Chairperson(s), and to recommend such person(s) as the Committee shall determine for approval in plenary sessions, and to advise as to the extent and nature of the powers to be afforded to such appointee(s).
10. Appointment of the Rules Committee to determine such rules and procedures as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the negotiations, and to submit such rules and procedures for approval in plenary session.