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Senator George Mitchell  
Independent Chairman  
Castle Buildings  
Belfast

Dear Chairman,

With reference to your invitation to table proposals in relation to the proposed Procedural Guidelines and the agenda for the opening Plenary session, I enclose copies of the "Procedural Guidelines for the Conduct of All-Party Negotiations" and the "Scenario for the Opening Plenary Session" which set out the position agreed on 6 June between the Irish and British Governments on the most suitable and broadly acceptable arrangements on these matters.

Please allow me to conclude by formally putting on record for you and your colleagues, Mr. Harri Holkeri and General John de Chastelain, the thanks and admiration of the Irish Government, for the dedication and dignity which you have demonstrated in accepting the challenge of providing independent chairmanship in the negotiations. I wish to assure you of our full support in the independent and impartial execution of your responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Spring TD  
Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs