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1. The negotiations to which these rules of procedure refer and whose conduct they are intended to govern are those referred to in Clause 2(1) of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations etc.) Act 1996 (hereafter referred to as the "Act").

2. The teams of delegates participating in such negotiations shall be those who from time to time comply with the requirements of Clause 2(3) of the Act, as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Command Paper 3232. *in Act*

3. Command Paper 3232 save in so far as it identifies the negotiations to which these rules of procedure will apply (paragraph 1) and the requirements with which the respective negotiations teams must comply in order to participate (paragraphs 8 and 9) shall have no force or binding effect upon the negotiations nor shall it offer any limitations upon it as a body in determining its own rules of procedure for the conduct of the negotiations and the extent of their subject matter. *recast*

4. The duties, functions and powers of any chairperson will be only such as are granted to him by these rules of procedure *and by the* ~~as determined by the teams of delegates participating in the negotiations acting as a body in accordance with these rules of procedure only~~ and any duties, functions or powers purported to be given to any chairperson by the papers dated 6 June 1996 (*Scenario for the Opening Plenary, Procedural Guidelines for the Conduct of All Party Negotiations and Draft Agenda for Substantive All Party Talks*), or in any other documents shall be of no force or effect save in so far as any of them may be incorporated into these rules of procedure in accordance with such procedure for obtaining the necessary agreement of the parties for so doing. *necessary* *participants*