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ADAPTATION OF NIO PAPER TO ADDRESS DECOMMISSIONING

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The participants in the multi-party negotiations, meeting in plenary session:

- note the commitment of the two Governments to all aspects of the report of the International Body including their support for the 6 Principles defined in Section 3 and for the outline methodology on Decommissioning contained in Section 6;
- note the commitment of the two Governments to work with all other participants to implement all aspects of the Report;
- note that as an important step towards implementation, each Government [will publish at the conclusion of the opening Plenary session/have published] draft enabling legislation which will provide the basis for giving effect to the International Body's recommendations on the modalities of decommissioning. They [intend to introduce/have introduced] legislation in their respective Parliaments in the forthcoming session with a view to securing enactment [by Christmas 1996];
- note that, to secure the remaining steps necessary for implementation of all aspects of the International Body's report, the two Governments will establish at the conclusion of the Opening Plenary a Disarmament and Verification Commission (either fully or designate depending on the progress of the enabling legislation in both Houses) [chaired by] with the attached terms of reference. The Commission will, among other matters, offer a judgement (on the basis of implementing the International Body's compromise approach to decommissioning and taking account of the conditions necessary for mutual decommissioning) how the Process may progress;
- agree to work constructively and in good faith with the Disarmament and Verification Commission to enable it to develop detailed recommendations and proposed practices regarding the implementation of a disarmament and verification process and subsequently to put its recommendations into operation, in parallel with an inclusive and dynamic process in which mutual trust and confidence is built as progress is made on all the issues of concern to all participants;
- agree to the establishment of a Liaison sub-Committee charged with co-operating fully with the Disarmament and Verification Commission. The sub-Committee will comprise

representatives of all the participants and be chaired by the Independent Chairman of the Plenary. The Liaison sub-Committee will be available for consultation with the Commission, including in respect of modalities and on the conditions necessary for decommissioning; that is the circumstances in which mutual decommissioning would be expected to occur. It may also assist the Commission as appropriate and shall regularly be informed by the Commission of progress in its task. But the Disarmament and Verification Commission shall be independent of the sub-Committee and of both Governments, and solely responsible for its own decisions and judgements. The Liaison sub-Committee will be able to draw on the range of relevant expertise which both Governments will release on secondment to the Commission.

- agree that, on this basis, the address to decommissioning by the Opening Plenary is concluded; and
- agree to complete the remaining business of the Opening Plenary session in time for the appropriate Chairman to convene meetings of negotiations within the three strands opening on [.....].