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Loyalists would have to  
decommission prior to talks  
We told them they would not

# ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY

## DECOMMISSIONING

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*Ulster Unionists*

All participants wish to see the removal of illegally held arms and explosives from our society. This process <sup>requires</sup> ~~has~~ to be overseen by a <sup>Disarmament &</sup> Verification Commission established by legislation in both Parliament and the Dail <sup>Westminster</sup> ~~(and agreed by the participants.)~~

It is clear that the achievement of peace must involve a permanent end to the use of, or support for, paramilitary violence.

*tangible*

To participate fully in our democracy and the current talks process parties must establish a commitment to exclusively peaceful methods and show that they abide by the democratic process.

### DECOMMISSIONING PROPOSALS

*affiliated to*

1. There must be an express declaration by all parties ~~fronting,~~ <sup>ed</sup> associating with or ~~sharing the objectives of a~~ paramilitary organisation for themselves and such organisations of a complete, universal and permanent end to the use of, or support for violence. *deemed to be*

2. Sinn Fein/IRA must subscribe to the Six Principles outlined in the Report of the International Body. Any action incompatible with a genuine ending of a terror campaign will result in exclusion from the process. This is true whether there is an act or omission on the part of any party, its' relevant organisation or proxy thereof.

3. To confirm a commitment by Sinn Fein/IRA to exclusively peaceful methods they must begin actual decommissioning commencing with a substantial tranche of ~~guns~~ <sup>arms etc</sup> and Semtex before they can be admitted to negotiations.

4. There must be an acceptance that the decommissioning process is independent of the substantive negotiations. Decommissioning will progress to completion irrespective of the outcome of the negotiations.

5. Structures should be in place and methodology outlined which would provide the basis for actual decommissioning prior to the launch of substantive negotiations. The United Kingdom and Irish governments should publish and enact the necessary enabling legislation as soon as possible.

6. All agreements on decommissioning entered into prior to the launch of substantive negotiations shall be binding on all current and future participants.

## **DECOMMISSIONING METHODOLOGY**

- 1 . A core Verification Commission designate should be established consisting of the Chairman designate, ideally some other Commissioners designate and some support staff. The first task of the Core Commission will be the drafting and publication of decommissioning schemes.
- 2 . Establishment of the Verification Commission proper should take place within a specified period after the enactment of the necessary legislation.
- 3 . Establishment of a liaison committee by Plenary.
- 4 . Finalisation of the decommissioning schemes.