## **DECOMMISSIONING**

LIAISON OF PLENARY

The Plenary's Sub-Committee on Decommissioning (the Committee) shall be comprised of representatives of all participants in the negotiations and shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Plenary:

## Terms of Reference

The Committee will be charged with assisting the implementation of all aspects of decommmissioning as set out in the Report of the International Body. In particular it will be required:

- to consider the draft Bills by the Irish and British governments and review progress towards their enactment;
- to debate the type of scheme or schemes for decommissioning and the precise role of the Independent Commission in respect of each scheme;
- to debate proposals for such schemes drawn up by the Independent Commission and submit any agreed opinion on these proposals to the Governments and the Commission:
- to consider the circumstances in which mutual decommissioning would be expected to occur;
- to consider any aspect of other confidence building measures referred to in the International Body's Report which participants may wish to raise and to receive progress reports on same.

## **Independent Commission**

The Independent Commission shall operate in both jurisdictions with appropriate immunity as determined by the special legislation on decommissioning enacted by the Dail and the British Parliament. It shall be furnished with independent legal and technical advisors and, where appropriate, shall be given access to the technical expertise of the British and Irish Security forces.

## Responsibilities

- to provide technical advice on decommissioning to the Plenary's Sub-Committee on Decommissioning;
- to advise the Plenary's Sub-Committee on Decommissioning and both Governments on the type of scheme or schemes for decommissioning including the precise role of the Independent Commission in respect of each scheme;
- to draw up proposals for schemes taking note of the views of the Plenary's Sub-Committee on Decommissioning;
- to observe, monitor and verify decommissioning and receive and audit armaments, according to the schemes laid down;
- to report periodically to the Plenary's Sub-Committee on Decommissioning and to both Governments on progress achieved in the decommissioning process.