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ANNEX A

RESOLUTION

22.7.93 - 9.30 am

A PROPOSITION FROM THE [BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS] 22 JULY 1996

1. In our view there is an urgent necessity to make decisive

The participants recognise the need to obtain widespread support in both the unionist and nationalist communities respectively, and throughout Northern Ireland, for any comprehensive agreement that may result from the negotiations. Therefore, the participants envisage that before they finalise any such agreement they will assess whether it is capable of securing sufficiently widespread support throughout the community as will give political efficacy to such agreement.

agreement on the agenda for the rest of the opening plenary and settle our rules of procedure. To maximise the time available for substantive dialogue we believe those issues should be settled today.

4. That task should not be beyond us. We have been conferring together on these issues since 12 June. Under the skilful guidance of Senator Mitchell there have been full opportunities for every delegation to present and explain its point of view. All delegations have also been able to pursue issues in a range of bilateral meetings, and important understandings and agreements have been reached in such meetings.

5. Substantial progress has been made in round table discussion in narrowing the remaining areas of difference, particularly in respect of the rules of procedure; and this process has been taken forward in some respects in subsequent bilaterals and in last week's round of discussions between individual delegations and the Independent Chairmen.

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