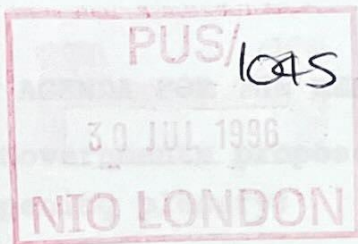


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Mr Lavery -B
Ms Harrison (L&B) -B
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Mr Lamont, RID -B
HMA Dublin -B
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TALKS: REVISED AGENDA FOR OPENING PLENARY

General de Chastelain would like to know by tomorrow whether the two Governments are going to propose an alternative agenda to that which they tabled on 25 July and, if they are, to know when a text will be available.

2. It seems to me that we do need to table a revised text as the 25 July text was predicated on a particular timetable which is now unattainable; it would defer opening statements until well after the September resumption; and it would put the address to decommissioning above consideration of the comprehensive agenda.

3. Our best shot at a revised draft agenda on the current timetable is that which we agreed with the Irish yesterday morning, attached. If the Secretary of State is content I should be grateful if Mr Bell would put the draft to the Irish and seek their agreement to tabling it with General de Chastelain by noon tomorrow, or at least letting him know by then that the two Governments will be tabling a revised proposal.

(signed)

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE OPENING PLENARY

The two Governments propose the following agenda for the remainder of the opening plenary:

1. Opening Statements.
2. Discussion of comprehensive agenda for negotiations.
3. Consideration of International Body's proposals on decommissioning and mechanisms necessary to enable further progress to be made on decommissioning alongside negotiations in the three strands.
4. Adoption of comprehensive agenda.
5.
 - a. launch of three-stranded negotiations
 - b. establishment of whatever mechanisms to enable further progress to be made on decommissioning are agreed pursuant to the consideration at item 3.
6. Concluding remarks by the Independent Chairman.