

The new draft is a fairly discursive (5 page) text. Its principle points are as follows:

- A dynamic is needed to create the conditions for a democratic and negotiated settlement, and a future strategy must tilt the possibilities in that direction.
- That involves three elements:
 - proper negotiations to resolve the causes of the conflict;
 - a strategy for nationalist Ireland and allies abroad aimed at bringing about such a settlement and equality of treatment for all;
 - an external guarantor - the U.S.
- Real negotiations must bring about substantive change in the constitutional and political areas, on demilitarisation and democratic rights.
- British Government to guarantee talks inclusive, all issues on agenda, no preconditions or veto, open outcome.
- The talks on June 10th should contain no preconditions, no actual or potential stalls, and be time-limited.
- "Assurances from the Dublin Government and commitments from Fianna Fáil are important and guarantees from the international community, especially the US Administration, are essential, but the British Government must also sign up in a public way to a restored process if this strategy has any hope of success."

- The "second element" envisages a strategy of Irish, British and international elements (the latter involving the Irish diaspora).
- "The broadest all-Ireland "democratic" consensus should be the platform. This must involve the Irish Government but should include Fianna Fáil and the other parties."
- It envisages the basis of the consensus "being made public in a formal way" through a declaration on democratic principles, demilitarisation, a review structure and a common negotiating position.
- In addition to the understanding of August 1994, additional requirements would be
 - guarantees/indicators of British good faith;
 - agreed structures to implement the political content of an agreed strategy;
 - an external guarantor of the project - the US Administration.
- The US guarantor role is defined as the third element of the strategy.
- The paper concludes with a summary, as follows:
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 - Agreement on the means to a lasting settlement - negotiations.
 - An agreed approach to negotiations to remove the causes of the conflict.

- An agreed approach to securing democratic rights and equality of treatment.
- An agreed approach to removing the consequences of the conflict.
- Agreed structures to implement the Irish democratic strategy.
- An agreed method of putting this in the public domain.
- Clear assurances from the British Government that real negotiations will commence by a given time.
- An authoritative external guarantor of the peace process and the negotiations."

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