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THE NEW STRATEGY

1. The overall objective of the new strategy will be the democratic resolution of the conflict to be achieved through dialogue, negotiation and agreement between all of the political parties with the necessary democratic mandate, and the British and Irish Governments.
2. Round table dialogue and negotiations between all democratically mandated parties and the British and Irish Governments will provide the essential format through which the new strategy will move forward towards its objectives.

In the pursuit of a democratic resolution of the conflict, no political party would have a veto over the holding of peace talks, the progress of peace

negotiations, or any democratically agreed outcome of these negotiations, whatever form the outcome may take.

3. The resolution of the conflict will take the form of a new political settlement which will respect and therefore accommodate the democratic rights of the people of both Unionist and Nationalist traditions and create a healing environment for all the divided relationships which have historically been at the heart of the conflict.
4. Pending a settlement the SDLP, Sinn Féin and the Irish Government will cooperate on all issues relating to the protection of the human and democratic dignity of the Nationalist community in the North in a way that will ensure parity of esteem and equality of political, economic, social and cultural treatment for the people of both traditions there.