

AGENDA FOR THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION

SUBMISSION BY THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY

1 Confidence Building Measures

Discussion of :-

- (a) International Body's proposals on decommissioning
- (b) Practical steps for implementation of decommissioning
- (c) Special provisions to relate to parties joining negotiations at a later date.
- (d) Methods of gauging acceptability of proposals from discussions to the people of Northern Ireland.
- (e) Acceptance by all participants of the principle of the consent of the people of Northern Ireland to any outcome of the present discussion.

2 Decisions on mechanisms to implement commitments to decommissioning

3 Establishment of Verification Commission

4 Business Committee -

Appointment of Business Committee

5 Opening statements by the leaders of participating delegations

6 Discussion of agenda for negotiation and other procedural matters

7 Adoption of Agenda and Procedures

8 Concluding remarks by the Chairman and hand over to Secretary of State for commencement of Strand One .

General John de Chastelain (Strand Two and the Business Committee)

The British and Irish Governments jointly (Strand Three)

Mr Harry Holkeri (Alternate Chairman for Plenary, Business Committee, and Strand Two)

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAIRMEN

5 The designated Chairman shall preside over all the business of the negotiations and will exercise their functions impartially at all times.

6 The Chairman will moderate in all meetings to allow an opportunity for full discussion of issues on the agenda, guided by the aim of securing agreement of as broad a spectrum of participants as is possible .

7 All Chairmen will agree to operate within these procedural guidelines and will consult with the Business Committee on the arrangement of business and exercise of their functions

8 Chairmen will confine consultation to Delegations participating