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the Tanaiste's commitments in Dublin, they may be a little late. I understand that the Secretary of State is hosting a function in the House of Commons at 1900 hours; and the Conference will therefore need to finish before then.

4. The Secretary of State and Ministers should expect to greet the Irish party at the Golden Gate entrance, where Information Services propose the photocall will take place. Any change in these arrangements will be relayed directly to you by Information Services. Following this, both British and Irish Ministers should then proceed to the Secretary of State's office for the usual tete-a-tete scheduled to last approximately fifteen minutes.

5. At the conclusion of the tete-a-tete, the Secretary of State, Sir John Wheeler, Michael Ancram, the Tanaiste and Mrs Owen will be joined by supporting officials and police chiefs for the Restricted Security Session. The Secretary of State has agreed that Michael Ancram should be present during this session, given the Minister's de facto involvement in events last week and in the light of political implications of the security situation. This session is scheduled to last approximately 30 minutes.

6. The Plenary Session scheduled to commence at about 1620 hours will include political matters (and implications of recent developments for the talks) and confidence issues (the implications of recent parades and public confidence in the security forces) but no final decisions on detail or the precise order in which subjects are to be taken have been made and will be circulated separately.

7. The political discussions are usually in restricted numbers. Those who do not intend to be present during these discussions will therefore want to leave the Conference at this point, and at its conclusion rejoin for the rest of the Conference business.



8. There will be not be an Economic and Social Item on the agenda of this IGC.

9. Conference proceedings are expected to conclude at 1800 hrs and to be followed by the Press Conferences; when the Secretary of State is hosting, it is usual for the Tanaiste to go first. The Irish party are expected to depart OAB at 1830 hrs.

10. Refreshments will be available during the course of the Conference.

1550 hrs

Restricted Security Session  
(Review of security situation)

1630 hrs

[signed RO]

Agenda:

(1) Political Matters: Implications of recent developments for talks process

(2) Confidence Issues:

(i) Implications of recent progress and future outlook

(ii) Ways of enhancing public confidence in security forces

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(3) Any Other Business

1800 hrs

Press Conferences

1830 hrs

Departure of Irish party from OAB

MEETING OF ANGLO-IRISH CONFERENCE  
IN LONDON ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 1996

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1530 hrs      Arrival of Irish party at OAB and Photocall
- 1535 hrs      Tête a Tête
- 1550 hrs      Restricted Security Session  
(Review of security situation)
- 1620 hrs      Plenary:
- (1) Political Matters: Implications of recent developments for talks process
  - (2) Confidence Issues:
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