

# Resolutions for Debate

## 1. THE TWO FORUMS

Conference applauds the work of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, and acknowledges the success of the Alliance delegation in widening its vision.

Conference welcomes the creation of an elected Forum to work in parallel with the Talks body, urges the widest engagement of that Forum with representatives of the wider community, and condemns any attempt by any party to boycott this new mechanism for inter party and inter community dialogue. **North Down Association**

## 2. ECONOMY

Conference supports the Northern Ireland Growth Challenge and recognises that increasing competitiveness and increasing the size of the private sector is key to solving the unemployment problem

**Castlereagh Association**

## 3. MITCHELL COMMISSION

Conference applauds the work of the Mitchell Commission, endorses without reservation the Mitchell principles and the recommendations of the report, and recognises that full commitment to the Mitchell principles and report is the only basis on which parties can be involved in the negotiations due to start on June 10.

**South Belfast Association**

## 4. YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Noting with concern that at the last general election 40% of under 25's failed to vote, Conference welcomes schemes such as 'M-Power' and 'Rock the Vote' which aim to address this problem of apathy and lack of participation.

Conference believes that the age at which candidates may stand for all elections should be reduced from 21 to 18, as one measure which may help to break the perceived barriers between politicians and young people. Conference also urges the young people of Northern Ireland to use their vote in the forthcoming elections since it is their future which will be negotiated.

**Young Alliance**

## 5. BSE

Conference is appalled at the way the Government has dealt with the problem of BSE in cattle since by not slaughtering infected herds it has virtually destroyed our beef industry worth £500 million per year to the Northern Ireland Economy.

**Castlereagh Association**

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Conference is appalled at the way the Government has miss handled the problem of BSE in cattle, thus threatening the destruction of an industry worth £500 million a year to Northern Ireland and calls for:

1. The temporary suspension of intervention rules so that all grades of cattle can be included,

2. The removal of all culled cattle and other high risk cattle from the food chain,

3. Separate status for Northern Ireland beef within the EU.

**Ards Association**

## 6. EDUCATION

Conference applauds the continuing success of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland, and believes that its further expansion can only be to the benefit of all o people.

**Fermanagh Association**

## 7. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

Conference condemns recent Government cutbacks in Health and Education, which specifically target services to patients and clients and in the Library and Youth Services.

**Ards Association**

## 8. TERRORISM

Conference condemns the IRA's return to violence and demands the immediate and permanent restoration of t IRA cease-fire.

Conference calls on the Republican movement to renounce forever the use of force as a means of achieving their ends.

**Antrim Association**

## 9. RACE RELATIONS

Conference deplores the continuing delay in the implementation of race relations legislation in Northern Ireland, despite clear evidence of discrimination against members of ethnic minorities.

Conference welcomes the introduction by the RUC of the recording of racially motivated attacks which have until now not received the attention they deserve.

**Lisburn Association**

## 10. MARCHES

Conference recognises that the right to march and to demonstrate in traditional ways is valued by many people in Northern Ireland, but also recognises that some marches are divisive, cause disruption and annoyance to residents, and place an unacceptable burden on the police.

Conference calls for a spirit of compromise on the part of all involved in marches and calls for the creation of a Independent Tribunal with powers to hear objections an to decide march routes in contentious cases.

**South Belfast Association**

## 11. OUR FUTURE

Conference welcomes the Government's decision to call multi party talks on June 10th on the basis of commitment to the principles of democracy and non violence, and calls on all parties to enter into those talks with a real determination to achieve a just and lasting settlement which will meet the needs of the entire Northern Irish community.

**Executive Committee**