POSSIBLE TIME-LIMITED AGENDA FOR REMAINDER OF OPENING PLENARY

[Preliminary stage: Debate and agreement on agenda for remainder of opening Plenary. 3 days: 23-25 September]

- 1. Consideration of International Body's proposals on decommissioning. [3 days: 30 September-2 October]
- Consideration of comprehensive agenda for three-stranded negotiations. [2 days: 7-8 October]
- 3. Statements by participants. [3 days: 9 October, 14-15 October]
- 4. Adoption of comprehensive agenda; establishment of whatever mechanisms to enable further progress to be made on decommissioning are agreed pursuant to item 1. [½ day: 16 October]
- 5. Concluding remarks by Independent Chairman. [% day: 16 October]

Assumptions:

- a. Plenary sessions run for total of 6 hours per day [10-12.30 and 14.30-18.00].
- b. Each participant allowed 1½ hrs for opening statements (and questions?)
- c. Trilaterals are concluded before item 1 ends (ideally, before it starts).
- d. Objective is launch of 3 strands and decommissioning subcommittee on 21 October.

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- e. Several variants are possible eg
 - statements by participants taken as item 1 (this would allow more time to complete the trilaterals);
 - statements by participants dropped altogether **or** no questions allowed (this would cut down the time between the conclusion of the address to decommissioning and the commencement of the strands and therefore reduce opportunities for the DUP/UKUP to unpick the deal);

agenda business proper could start during week of 23 September, if agreement on the opening Plenary agenda were reached early in that week.