

COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

General John de Chastelain
Chairman, Business Committee
Office of the Independent Chairman

Minute 2 to

Letter HMG Letter POLDEVT/884 of 30 July

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This letter was from the British Government notifying one change of detail in their proposals for the agenda of the Strand One Talks.

You invited participants to let you know whether they had proposals to make in relation to the comprehensive agenda for the substantive political negotiations, and whether they were content for those proposals to be circulated.

On 25 July the British and Irish Governments recirculated to all John de Chastelain proposals regarding the agenda for each of the three 06 September proposals in respect of strand one issues coming from the British Government alone).

In the light of discussions on the rules of procedure and on the comprehensive agenda the British Government delegation can see advantage in developing agendas which contain relatively broad headings and has already indicated, for example, that it would be content for "constitutional issues" to be substituted for the first indent under item 3 of the proposed agenda for strand one issues.

The British Government delegation would be content for this clarification to be circulated to other delegations.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear General de Chastelain,

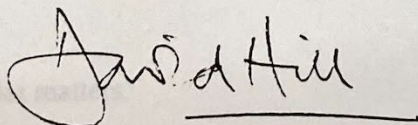
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HMG PROPOSED AGENDA FOR STRAND ONE ISSUES (amended 30 July 96)

1. Discussion of requirements for a new beginning for relationships within Northern Ireland.
2. Consideration of possible principles and criteria for new arrangements within Northern Ireland.
3. The question of institutional and other practical implications of these discussions.

Topics likely to arise include:

- Constitutional Issues*
- ~~The constitutional position of Northern Ireland;~~
 - The nature of institutional arrangements for and within Northern Ireland, which meet any agreed criteria, including, nature and extent of powers eg legislative, executive, administrative; structures for exercising these powers; safeguards to maintain cross-community confidence and financial arrangements;
 - The extent to which present or proposed arrangements attract the assent and support of both sides of the community and ensure equity of treatment;
 - Relationships with other institutions eg Westminster Parliament, any new North/South relationships, any new Intergovernmental arrangements and the European Union;
 - Consideration of arrangements for the protection of rights;
 - law and order matters.

This list is not comprehensive and other issues may emerge in discussion.

4. Report to Plenary