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fu **RESUMED OPENING PLENARY: ADDRESSING DECOMMISSIONING**

Thank you for the draft you circulated on 22 July, which obviously builds on the Opening Scenario document.

2. Unionists and, I suspect, Ministers would probably wish to see an explicit commitment to parallel decommissioning and I think we should probably incorporate such a reference in the draft, if only as a tactical measure to see how far we can get with the Irish. I suggest adding

"including the approach referred to in paragraphs 34 and 35 in which some decommissioning would take place during the negotiations, rather than before or after"

at the end of the first sentence.

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3. Subject to any further comments you may receive, the next step would be to clear the draft statement and the approach it represents with Ministers and then with the Irish, perhaps via the Secretariat. I should be grateful if you would take this forward.

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RESUMED OPENING PLANARY: ADDRESSING DECOMMISSIONING

In the two Government's proposed agenda for the resumed Opening Planary (draft of 20 June) item 5 refers to the consideration of the International Body's proposals on decommissioning. After discussion of the proposals (item 5 (a)), it is suggested (at item 5 (b)), that all the participants make a commitment to work constructively to implement all aspects of the Report of the International Body.

2. As discussed, I attach, for consideration, a draft statement which might be made jointly by all the participants during item 5 (b).

(signed)

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