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ANNEX B**SPECIFIC POINTS FOR PARTIES***UKUP*

- ◆ Emphasise Government's commitment to the principle of consent and to the three stranded talks process. Point to widespread acceptance of the principle of consent (by all except Sinn Fein) and the likelihood that any negotiated settlement would be predicated on that basis;
- ◆ point to the benefits of a widely acceptable political accommodation, acceptable to majorities on both sides of the community, which would enable significantly greater local political accountability and general political stability;
- ◆ express determination to find an agreed way through the decommissioning issue, based on the Mitchell "compromise approach" (some decommissioning during the negotiations), allowing an early date to be set for the launch of the three strands;
- ◆ reaffirm criteria for Sinn Fein entry to negotiations, while refusing definitively to close the door. Assert readiness to proceed without them;
- ◆ dismiss criticism of Irish Government's role
- ◆ note any allegation that Loyalists have demonstrably dishonoured their commitment to the Mitchell principles; confirm that commitment to the principles remains a condition of participation in the talks; but point out that there will be opportunities to consider the Loyalist parties' entitlement to remain in the talks when they resume on 3 June.

Alliance Party

- ◆ Emphasise commitment to the three stranded talks process and belief that it remains viable;
- ◆ Express determination to find an agreed way through the decommissioning issue, based on the Mitchell "compromise approach" (acknowledging the constructive role played by the Alliance Party in promoting what contingent agreement has so far emerged), allowing an early date to be set for the launch of the three strands;
- ◆ Reaffirm criteria for Sinn Fein entry to negotiations, while refusing definitively to close the door. Assert readiness to proceed without them;
- ◆ Point to value of UUP/SDLP co-operation, with Alliance Party support, in moving the talks forward;
- ◆ seek Alliance Party assessment of the other parties' positions.

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