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**SINN FEIN: NEXT STEPS**

Outline Handling plan (as at 13 June)

Thursday 12/Friday 13 June:

- receive Irish and American Governments' reaction.

Friday 13 June:

- NIO sends the aide memoire to Sinn Fein
- Dr Mowlam meeting Irish Ambassador

Monday 16 June

- Prime Minister/Secretary of State gives outline oral briefing to Trimble and briefs Hume and gives him the aide memoire.

Tuesday 17 June:

- third meeting between officials and Sinn Fein (not yet confirmed)

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Wednesday 18 June:

- Mr Murphy briefs the Archbishops and Lord Alderdice
- No 10/NIO to begin briefing national/Northern Ireland/Irish/press and media

Morning of Thursday 19 June:

- Prime Minister briefs the Cabinet on the Parliamentary statement
- No 10 brief John Major, Paddy Ashdown, David Trimble and John Hume
- Dr Mowlam briefs Sir Patrick Mayhew and Michael Ancram
- Mr Murphy briefs Dr Paisley and Lord Alderdice the UKUP, Womens' Coalition and Northern Ireland Labour
- NIO officials alert Sinn Fein
- NIO officials brief the UDP and PUP
- Sir David Fell briefs the G7 in Northern Ireland
- No 10 brief the national press and media
- NIO brief NI and Irish press and media
- HMA Washington briefs Senators Kennedy, Gilman etc

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Afternoon of Thursday 19 June:

- Prime Minister's statement
- NIO brief overseas posts
- No 10 send Prime Minister's statement to the Irish and Americans, HMA Dublin, HMA Washington
- NIO send statement to Senator Mitchell
- Dr Mowlam and Mr Murphy to be available for interviews after the statement.

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