

## Annex C

### MITCHELL PRINCIPLES

The Mitchell Report (paragraph 20) recommends that the parties to negotiations affirm their total and absolute commitment:

- to democratic and exclusively peaceful means of resolving political issues;
- to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations;
- to agree that such disarmament must be verifiable to the satisfaction of an independent commission;
- to renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force, or threaten to use force, to influence the course or the outcome of all-party negotiations;
- to agree to abide by the terms of any agreement reached in all-party negotiations and to resort to democratic and exclusively peaceful methods in trying to alter any aspect of that outcome with which they may disagree;
- to urge that 'punishment' killings and beatings stop and to take effective steps to prevent such actions.