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**A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT: MAIN ELEMENTS
FOR CONSIDERATION**

Strand 1

1. Principles and Requirements
2. Constitutional Issues
3. Nature, form and extend of new arrangements

Elected institutions:

- constitution
- method of election
- role and responsibilities
- relationship with the executive
- internal structures - roles, responsibilities, constitution
- accountability
- checks and balances
- finance
- relationships with:
 - Westminster: British Government: Republic of Ireland:
new intergovernmental arrangements: EU

4. Relationships with other arrangements
5. Justice Issues
6. Rights and Safeguards

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Strand 2

1. Principles and Requirements
2. Constitutional Issues
3. Nature, form and extent of new arrangements
 - (a) Practical co-operation between official agencies, North and South
 - (b) Possible new institutional arrangements:
 - role and composition
 - method of establishment
 - source of authority
 - accountability
 - responsibilities
 - method of operation
 - finance
 - relationships with:
 - Northern Ireland: Irish Government and Parliament:
 - British Government and Westminster: EU: new intergovernmental arrangements

Strand 3

1. Principles and Requirements

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2. Constitutional Issues
3. Nature, form and extent of new arrangements
 - new structures
 - a new Agreement
4. Relationships with other arrangements
5. Rights and Safeguards

Cross-Strands Issues

1. Principles and requirements for new arrangements to address the totality of relationships
2. Rights and Safeguards
3. Arrangements for validation of overall agreement