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Annex B

POSSIBLE TIME-LIMITED AGENDA FOR REMAINDER OF OPENING PLENARY

[Preliminary stage: Debate and agreement on agenda for remainder of opening Plenary. 3 days: 23-25 September]

1. Consideration of International Body's proposals on decommissioning. [3 days: 30 September-2 October]
2. Consideration of comprehensive agenda for three-stranded negotiations. [2 days: 7-8 October]
3. Statements by participants. [3 days: 9 October, 14-15 October]
4. Adoption of comprehensive agenda; establishment of whatever mechanisms to enable further progress to be made on decommissioning are agreed pursuant to item 1. [½ day: 16 October]
5. Concluding remarks by Independent Chairman. [½ day: 16 October]

Assumptions:

- a. Plenary sessions run for total of 6 hours per day [10-12.30 and 14.30-18.00].
- b. Each participant allowed 1½ hrs for opening statements (and questions?)
- c. Trilaterals are concluded before item 1 ends (ideally, before it starts).
- d. Objective is launch of 3 strands and decommissioning sub-committee on 21 October.

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e. Several variants are possible - eg

- statements by participants taken as item 1 (this would allow more time to complete the trilaterals);
- statements by participants dropped altogether - or no questions allowed (this would cut down the time between the conclusion of the address to decommissioning and the commencement of the strands - and therefore reduce opportunities for the DUP/UKUP to unpick the deal);
- agenda business proper could start during week of 23 September, if agreement on the opening Plenary agenda were reached early in that week.

Mr Campbell-McBroom
Mr Brown (LGB)
Mr McNamee/Miss Shearman
Mr Brown, RSD
Mr O'Neill
Mr Clarke, Dublin
Mr Macdonald, W'ham
Mr O'Brien, No 10
Mr Collins, Cap Office (via IFU)

Secretary of State (SSS)

Chairman, Joint Committee on Northern Ireland

Chief Objectives for the Week

These might be to:

- ensure Member's debate on the two Governmental
determination of the DUP representation should the
legislative parties
- try to prevent the above system, the legislative party
represented, eg by persuading the Alliance party to withdraw
- encourage the Alliance to hold the debate on the Alliance
party representation of the Alliance party which the DUP
should have

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