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**THE WAY AHEAD: GETTING ON THE FAST TRACK?**

Michael Ancram was grateful for Mr Leach's note of 10 September.  
The Minister has made the following comments:

"Paragraph 8 - 'I gathered that the trilaterals would happen during the decommissioning debate as would agenda sub-committees. This suggests opening statements after decommissioning.

On Mr Leach's comment, "There could be divisive elements even in our own opening statement: for example, do we mention Frameworks and irritate the UUP, or omit it and prompt nationalist suspicions?" - the Minister has said that he has previously said no to this, as has the Secretary of State.

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