

SUBGROUP: DRAFT REPORT TO PLENARY

[Plenary established the subgroup on 2 December with the following terms of reference:]

The subgroup met on five occasions. The arrangements and atmosphere were conducive to frank and constructive exchanges.

The subgroup has reached agreement on the key areas for further consideration (see attached list of headings) and there was a high level of agreement on the broad issues which need to be addressed under those headings.

The subgroup also considered what formats and procedures would be most appropriate for carrying the negotiations forward in the New Year and recommends that a similarly - constituted group should be established with the following terms of reference:

- [to refine the list of key issues]
- to explore the scope for moving towards broad agreement on the outline of a settlement
- to make specific proposals regarding the formats in which the detailed negotiations should then be taken forward, and
- to report to the plenary, initially on [19] January 1998.