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STRAND 3: KEY OUTSTANDING ISSUES: ARRANGEMENTS FOR IN THE TANUS
REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT

Issues:

How should the implementation of an Agreement be reviewed and by whom?

Analysis:

Two possible models have emerged:

- a) the two Governments should lead in reviewing the workings of the Agreement as part of the responsibilities of inter-Governmental standing structures dealing with Northern Ireland and related issues.
- b) the review process should be more inclusive and should involve all parties to the Agreement.

Lead Option:

Review of the Agreement should involve all the parties to it.

Routine reviews could conveniently be carried out when the two Governments meet with representatives of the Northern Ireland Assembly to discuss non devolved issues in Northern Ireland as part of the inter-Governmental machinery to be established.

More formal reviews, say every three years, might be carried out at a specially convened meeting of the two Governments and the other parties to the Agreement.