

PROPOSED BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE'S SECOND  
PROGRESS REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 6, COVERING SUB-ITEMS 2  
AND 3 (TERRORISM AND SECURITY COOPERATION AND ISSUES OF  
IDENTITY AND ALLEGIANCE)

1 All parties reiterated their total abhorrence of, and  
opposition to, all forms of terrorism from whatever  
source.

2 Attention was drawn to the enormous costs of terrorism to  
both the nationalist and unionist communities and to the  
two Governments.

3 The two Governments spoke of the high degree of  
cooperation that existed in relation to security matters.

It was generally accepted that any new arrangements  
should build on the current framework for cooperation and  
that the common effort against terrorism would be,  
enhanced by Northern Ireland's participation in those  
arrangements. A number of delegations paid tribute to  
the work of the Garda and the RUC and praised the quality  
and independence of the Northern Ireland judiciary.

*New arrangements  
for the  
RUC  
Cons. division  
could be  
be given  
to an  
input from  
representation  
from NI.*

4 It was noted that the problem of terrorism had both a  
local  
national and international dimension and that its  
effective control would require even closer ~~collaboration~~  
between the two Governments and cooperation between the  
law enforcement agencies on both sides of the border. It  
was also noted that effective extradition arrangements  
would remain essential to achieving this objective.

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input from  
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CAIN: Sean Farren Papers: https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/sean\_farren/

*by some delegations*

Concern was expressed about the extent to which the nationalist community felt alienated from the system of justice in Northern Ireland and, in particular, the policing of that system. This manifested itself and was in turn exacerbated by the <sup>lack</sup> absence of indigenous policing in nationalist areas. This feeling of alienation was also taking root among elements of the unionist community.

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It was generally accepted that security measures alone would not overcome the problem of terrorism. Ultimately, this could only be achieved by the <sup>new political institutions</sup> creation of a system ~~of government~~ for Northern Ireland which would attract the support <sup>and allegiance</sup> and earn the confidence of both the nationalist and unionist traditions. The Committee noted that the creation of such a <sup>institution</sup> system was a key objective of the talks process and that considerable progress had already been made towards this end in Strand 1). It was anticipated that the ~~concrete~~ proposals parties would be tabling at the appropriate stage of the Strand 2 talks would enable further progress to be made.

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*political institutions*

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*political institutions*

It was made clear that, if new structures of government, including arrangements for consultation and cooperation with the Republic of Ireland, were to attract the allegiance of the nationalist tradition, they would need not only to protect the rights of the nationalist community and afford it appropriate representation ~~in a~~ <sup>within those institutions</sup> Northern Ireland government but also to accommodate ~~it~~

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<sup>identity</sup>  
~~some way~~ the identification of that tradition with the  
<sup>in the rest of the island</sup>  
people of ~~the~~ Republic of Ireland.

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It was made clear <sup>on behalf of the</sup>  
<sup>Community that</sup>  
For the unionist ~~tradition~~ it was vital that new  
structures and arrangements were firmly premised on  
recognition of Northern Ireland's status as part of the  
United Kingdom.

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~~The need was acknowledged for the creation in Northern  
Ireland of a polity which would attract support and  
respect for its laws from both traditions, while allowing  
each to retain its identification respectively with the  
people of the United Kingdom and of the Republic of  
Ireland. The Committee noted that ways to create such a  
polity would be explored under subsequent agenda items.~~

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The Committee has still to discharge its remit fully and  
recommends that Plenary:

- a. authorise the Committee to continue its work within  
the terms agreed on 2 September <sup>to now</sup> and <sup>including</sup> agenda item <sup>7-8</sup> 9
- b. <sup>further</sup> request a ~~final~~ report to be prepared, if possible,  
by the afternoon of Wednesday, 23 September.

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minute

in NI & between N. + S.

Para 3 Consideration should be given as to how an input from representatives in NI might enhance such cooperation.

Para 4 "between the police services on both sides of the border.

Para 6 "Ultimately this could only be achieved by the creation new political institutions which would attract the support, allegiance and earn the confidence of both the nationalists and unionist traditions. The committee noted that the creation of such institutions was a key objective of the talks process and that some progress had already been made towards this end in Strand 1. It was anticipated that the proposals parties would be tabling at the appropriate stage of the Strand 2 talks would enable further progress to be made.

Para 7 It was made clear that if new political institutions were to attract the allegiance of the nationalist tradition, they would need not only to protect the rights of the nationalist community and afford it appropriate representation within those institutions but also to accommodate the identity of that tradition with the people in the rest of Ireland.

Para 9 The need was acknowledged for the creation of polity which would attract support and respect from both traditions in NI, while allowing each to retain its identity respectively with the people of the UK and the rest of Ireland.

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*respect for the law*

*on behalf of the nationalist community*

*both with respect for NI itself & for N-S arrangements*