

LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

PREAMBLE

The Liaison Sub-Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Talks Plenary established with two separate remits and functions. It is set up in the context of the International Body's Report on Decommissioning. It will enable parties to be kept well briefed on decommissioning. It will also enable parties to be involved in a mechanism which will address ongoing tension and work constructively on issues of immediacy not sufficiently central or substantive to be dealt with in the Strands.

As a sub-committee of the Plenary, the Liaison Sub-Committee shall be conscious of its part in the responsibility for building confidence in the political process and in building trust and confidence between the parties.

REMIT S

The Liaison Sub-committee shall have a dual remit and functions:

- 1) To Liaise between the Talks Plenary and the Independent Commission on Arms Decommissioning.
- 2) To address issues and incidents related to establishing a climate of confidence in which progress can be made.

COMPOSITION & CHAIR

The Liaison Sub-Committee shall be comprised of representatives of all participants in the negotiations. It shall be chaired by the Chair of Plenary.

CONDUCTING BUSINESS

The Liaison Sub-Committee will conduct its dual remit and functions under two separate, distinct and non-tradable agendas.

REMIT 1

This Liaison Sub-Committee will liaise with the Independent Commission on arms decommissioning and report to Plenary. It will be responsible for assisting the implementation of the Report of the International Body. It will report on progress to Plenary.

REMIT 2

The Liaison Sub-Committee will address non-substantive issues and matters causing on-going tension and difficult. It will consider matters which participants raise to help to create a climate of confidence. Substantive issues which are a matter for the Strands shall not be a matter for the Sub-Committee.