

SUMMARY OF PREFERRED ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR ANY FUTURE NI ASSEMBLY

ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY	DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY
<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has broad public acceptance - Is understood by the electorate and one with which they are familiar - Provides a link between the elected member and the constituency <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Transferable Vote on the basis of 18 constituencies of five seats (90 members) <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retains the link between the member and the constituency - Gives the electorate the opportunity to vote for independent candidates - Gives the electorate the opportunity to vote for preferred candidates within parties - Produces a broadly proportional result 	<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflect the relationship between seats held and votes cast - Provide a link between the elected member and the constituency - Provide a good level of choice for voters - Is simple and understandable by the electorate <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some form of Proportional Representation plus top-up from regional list on a Province-wide basis Based on either 50 single member constituencies plus a top-up of 50 or 18 constituencies of three seats plus a top-up of 46 (100 members) <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retains the link between the member and the constituency - Ensures fairness and proportionality by ensuring that no vote is wasted - Straightforward system which can be easily understood by the electorate

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LABOUR	NORTHERN IRELAND WOMEN'S COALITION
<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflects as accurately as possible the many strands of opinion which exist in Northern Ireland - Provides a link between the elected member and constituency <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Transferable Vote plus top-up based on 18 constituencies with five seats plus a top-up for the first election of awarding two seats to each of the 10 largest parties and retaining top-up for future elections based on the number of seats already gained in the constituency and the percentage of the total vote polled (110 members) <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensures that all significant parties would get members elected - The link between the elected member and the constituency is retained - Small parties or independents who are popular in a particular area will have the possibility of getting elected - All major parties will obtain elected members throughout Northern Ireland - Maximises representation 	<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is inclusive and equitable - Is Accessible, Affordable and Straightforward - Allows for gender balanced outcome - Allows for proportionality of outcome <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Transferable Vote plus top-up Additional Member System determined by Greatest Remainder <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None specified

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DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (Cont'd)	ALLIANCE
<p>Advantages (Cont'd):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In line with systems being advocated for devolution arrangements for Scotland and Wales - Combines giving voters a good level of choice on one hand with the ability of parties through the regional list to bring forward people who do not necessarily want to be burdened down with constituency work but who deem to have specific qualities through which they could make a useful contribution to an Assembly - Under the regional list system a by-election could be avoided by drawing the next person of the list thereby allowing small parties to retain seats which would usually go to larger parties in a by-election [check] 	<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflects proportionality - Provides the link between the elected member and constituency - Provides a good level of choice for voters <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Transferable Vote <p style="text-align: right;">based on 18 constituencies of five or six seats (90/108 members)</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produces a broadly proportional result - Gives the electorate greater choice - Preserves and enhances constituency representation - Useful in divided societies as it tends to reinforce the centre

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PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTY	ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY
<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflects proportionality - Provides a strong identifiable link retained as far as possible between elected member constituency - Provides a wide and as varied a choice as possible for the electorate <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Transferable Vote plus top-up <p style="text-align: right;">based on 18 constituencies of six seats coupled with a league system of two seats each for top ten political parties (128 members)</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - System is no stranger to Northern Ireland - Gives voters a wide and varied choice of parties and candidates - Link between the electorate and elected representative is maintained - More likely to elect a Parliament that closely reflects the percentage of votes obtained by parties across NI thereby ensuring that a new Parliament has as diverse a range of political opinion as possible and that any significant group will have a voice in such 	<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduces polarisation between the two communities - Reflects proportionality - Provides as wide a representation as possible <p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some form of PR plus top-up <p style="text-align: right;">based on 18 constituencies of five seats plus top-up of 20 by D'Hondt system taking into account seats already won by parties (110 members)</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accommodates both larger and smaller political parties thereby enabling for a fairer and more accurate representation of all sections of society - Ensures that all sections of the community can participate and that their interests are protected

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