

RECORD OF A PLENARY SESSION HELD AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
ON 7 MAY 1992

Those Present:

<u>Government Team</u>	<u>Alliance Party</u>	<u>UUP</u>
Secretary of State	Dr Alderdice	Mr Molyneaux
Mr Hanley	Mr Morrow	Mr Cunningham
PUS	Mr McBride	Mr Empey
Mr Fell		
Mr Thomas	Mrs Bell	Mrs Bradford
Mr Bell	Mr Ford	Mr Allen
Mr Hill		
Mr Maccabe	<u>SDLP</u>	<u>UDUP</u>
<u>Talks Secretariat</u>	Mr Hume	Dr Paisley
	Mr Mallon	Mr Robinson
Mr Brooker	Mr McGrady	Rev McCrea
Mr Lindsay		
<u>Also Present</u>	Mr Feeley	Miss Paisley
	Mrs Rogers	Mr Gibson
Mr D Smith	Mr Haughey	Mr Vitty
Mr A Smyth	Mr Maginness	

The plenary session began at 12.15 pm and ended at 12.25 pm.

2. The Government Team apologised for the delay in reconvening the plenary session. The delay had been caused by a meeting with the party leaders lasting longer than expected. The Team reported that as a result of that meeting, it was now proposed that the plenary sessions should be adjourned for the rest of the day and that a sub-committee should be appointed to discuss the paper circulated by the SDLP on 5 May entitled "Agreeing the Nature of the Problem". It had been agreed that the sub-committee should comprise two members per delegation, plus one extra per delegation in the room as a helper or observer. Each delegation would also be allowed a maximum of three support staff in the building. The Government Team recommended that this format should be adopted for any other sub-committees in the future.

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3. The Government Team reported that it had also been agreed that the four party delegations would each produce a paper on institutional structures early on Monday 11 May, preferably by 9 o'clock. The Secretary of State would then consider whether they were of equal weight and could be considered at a plenary meeting later in the morning. That meeting could then appoint a sub-committee to carry on discussion of the four papers on Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday, and would report to a plenary session on Friday morning. The DUP team suggested that it would be preferable to allow the party delegations to consider the papers on their own on Monday afternoon with sub-committee meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. They also suggested that the parties should not nominate their representatives for the sub-committee until the delegation meetings had taken place. These points were agreed. It was also agreed that membership of one sub-committee did not preclude membership of another.

4. It was also accepted that there was no need for a Business Committee meeting after the plenary adjourned and that those members of delegations nominated to the sub-committee on the nature of the problem should meet in Room 8 at 2.15 pm. The Government Team read out a draft press statement on the work of the day and this was agreed.

Talks Secretariat