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RECORD OF A PLENARY SESSION HELD AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 MAY 1992

Government Team	Alliance Party	UUP
Secretary of State Mr Hanley PUS	Dr Alderdice Mr Morrow Mr Close	Mr Molyneaux Mr Cunningham Mr Empey
Mr Fell Mr Thomas Mr Bell Mr Hill Mr Maccabe	Mrs Bell Mr Dickson Mr Neeson Mr McBride	Ms Bradford Mr Donaldson Mr Allen
Talks Secretariat	SDLP	UDUP
<u>Talks Secretariat</u> Mr Brooker Mr Smith	<u>SDLP</u> Mr Hume Mr Mallon Mr McGrady	<u>UDUP</u> Dr Paisley Mr Robinson Rev McCrea

The Plenary session began at 14.17pm and ended at 14.32pm.

1. The <u>Government Team</u> apologised for the delay in convening the Plenary session. The time had been spent, however, in useful discussions with the party leaders. The <u>Government Team</u> read a statement condemning the leak of the SDLP paper earlier in the week. All the parties agreed with the contents of the statement and that it should be issued for publication, a copy of which is attached.

2. <u>Government Team</u> praised the work of the sub-Committees that had met to discuss "Identities" and "Structures", but recognised that their work was restricted to discussion and not negotiation of matters of principle. It had been agreed with the party leaders that the talks had reached a point where fundamental issues had to be faced and could only be resolved by discussion in Plenary. The meeting received and took note of the report of the Structures

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sub-Committee. It was also noted that the report would be supplemented by the minutes of the meetings, as amended and agreed in a further sub-Committee meeting. Plenary would meet again on Monday, and possibly Tuesday, for full discussion on the proposed new political structures.

3. The <u>UDUP</u> delegation asked the Government Team how many responses it had received to its paper "Realities", dated 1 May. The <u>Government Team</u> said that it had not solicited any response but had received one from the UDUP delegation which had been noted by the Government Team.

4. The <u>Government Team</u> read out a draft press statement on the work of the day and this was agreed.

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