

1430

4.3.98

UMP/  
DN

support strongly issues of lang., culture

we have a problem with 'the equality agenda'  
'what  
equal treatment as defined in TWD  
'of the aspirations'

right to organise politically  
" to seek mandate to change

UMP

is there a case for a mechanism for  
all communities

UMP

re. para 6 - full & equal rights to  
all within the state, and we have  
some problems with equality.

- does 'sufficiency of consensus' as SORP say, mean  
same as this talks - we'd be worried about that.  
safeguard built in not within the voting  
mechanism but as part of the checks  
& balance"

done as part of ECOTR Art 2.

UMP

issue of disproportionality will help address this -  
don't want to be tied down too much.  
don't want to overemphasise checks & balances.

voting normally by simple majority, but by  
weighted majority on controversial issues - doesn't  
present any difficulty



in certain circumstances we need to have some form of mechanisms

interpretation of controversial issue.

SDLP

need to ensure decisions are taken on basis of sufficient consensus.  
type of empowerment were talking about.

TV

talking about arrangements which will prevent all of us to abuse power  
self-denying ordinances. all round

notion of threshold petition for value

HMG

method of safeguards is essentially, what we do in the talks

HMG

Re. threat of suff. cons. means you must take notes.

○

draws back is that it can be a ~~draw~~ paralysis of govt.

Could you have a simple maj. for mandatory matters?

SDLP - s.c. one of the safeguards of the process the difficulty is that we sold process on basis of it ~~having~~ having safeguards of s.c., when we leave it, what are we going to say to people.







we have built consensus we've gone along

I think sectarian lines were broken down  
3rd Well built in by NISC, need consensus  
from majority around table + the feature,  
break down sectarian lines.

Do that easily transferable into an assembly  
- how can sufficiency of consensus work if electoral  
system only provides for a small number of parties.  
election system will determine how SC will work

(14)

3rd Well is a protection. - that's for chamber  
it may be that ct's operate in different  
way

Time lay in what needs to be covered as  
controversial

para B.1. - no person, speaker or otherwise  
should have this

(15)

1. imp. that were having then  
what we advocating for NI, we advocate  
also for N.S. Need 1 system 2 regions

how people can be won over & win a  
sense of allegiance  
dynamic seen as a fear yesterday, and today  
seen freely, as developmental

conditions to win greater allegiance



in relation to voting mechanisms

funding legislation

rules of procedure

need detail on this

Lab:

could see consensus

one unknown factor is what's going to be in Assembly.

will go along with the consensus

if its going to be weighted majority will go along with that

APM  
SM Code Political requirement - not there to encourage rapid flow of business, as safeguards purpose is to meet political need and to encourage

weighted majority would be right mechanism, applied to key issues, not in all

forces people to reach compromise

v. clear that it needs to be flexible  
weighted majority - could be 70, 65 → 60%

not at all amenable to sufficiency of consensus model, though its appropriate at talks

MUP  
DN ~~define key issues~~ support simple majority on non-key issues



in Belfast City Council people are more  
charming' they realise they have to

right of appeal — not too sure about  
that

WUP  
maker

event of ECHR coming in is going to  
open up right of appeal

APM

— there's always legal appeal

WUP

— we want something more accessible  
— than that

APM

— NS bodies mention baffled me slightly  
as we've already agreed that N-S  
(minutes) will be unusual.

WUP

Monica raised good point about rules of  
the procedure

WUP

look at arithmetic

need to incorporate by there's  
HMG



## HMG - Powers & Coverage

UMP RE primary legislation - will listen carefully  
we want to be convinced that powers of  
certainly leg. will be of benefit to NI

not a point of principle for us  
we look forward to be

⊕  
APNI devolved gov't that is meaningful  
so doesn't

giving accountable choices to people of  
N.I., not talking detachment

want to change the regional role -  
want the power to do that.

gov't to have ability to raise taxes

UMP  
(1) concern about detaching us from financial  
mechanism of UK as a whole - worry  
about tax-raising - need to proceed  
very carefully

APNI <sup>HMG</sup> how is this linked with legislature

⊕ we want full legislative powers



HMG - UUP not opposition

PUP - full legislative powers desired including  
policing

control of military forces of UK govt should be in rest  
with UK govt, even when in support of  
RUC.

UUP (1) Withdrawal of army operating in support of  
police - 2 sources of authority - can  
only have 1 person at end of day  
taking responsibility for this

UUP - Don't agree to rely on central govt  
to provide military support, if required

DLP - New arrangements to have as full a legislative  
power as possible.  
Span of coverage as wide as poss.

It may test of our own belief in the process to have  
strong powers - should incorporate policing  
in emergency powers - but timescale dictates  
we won't agree on detail, so will be important  
options we project

role of army  
legal precedent

theme vs. HMG 1972  
sites

we will be able to command agreement -  
the more we can support &

the less we have in the agreement the more  
people will suspect our confidence in the agreement



UDP as full a legislative function as possible.  
need for distributiveness in policy

HMG all Scottish policy will be decided in  
Scotland.

UDP NI need complete control over policy  
cant just play it being a govt.

Lib - should have tax varying powers

Lab - tax varying powers

UMP - NI

PIP - not talking about giving people £1 extra on  
benefit -  
fiscal unit

UMP German Länder - is powerful.  
not so much ability to raise tax or otherwise  
its the power devolved to the region which  
is important, and attitudes of citizens

PIP - we need to take responsibility for our  
own fiscal affairs.

UMP because NI is funded as a separate  
unit  
we're getting away with murder economically



no change on test system (?)

paper on its way re. formula

SDLP

NIWC

distressed us that our leg. is conservative  
on N.I.

We have benefitted from some direct  
rule

eg. divorce (cheaper here than rest of  
UK)

We can introduce our own amendments  
to family law act etc.

institutions - paper on financial reform

But time against us

HM G

Funding formula paper next week.

banking and drafting. yes banking +  
drafting

NIWC

WMP

SDLP

from Decant will accept understanding  
we need a degree of fiscal discretion