

Main points of an announcement by the Taoiseach and British Prime Minister after their meeting with Senator Mitchell on 20 July 1999

Senator Mitchell has agreed to act as facilitator of an intensive Implementation Review.

The review will take as its starting point the three principles agreed by all pro-Agreement parties on 25 June:

- an inclusive Executive exercising devolved powers;
- decommissioning of all paramilitary arms by May 2000;
- decommissioning to be carried out in a manner determined by the International Commission on Decommissioning;

and will determine how to overcome the difficulties which exist in the practical implementation of those principles. This will be its only focus.

The Review process, which has commenced with our meeting today, will be taken forward in discussions with parties by Senator Mitchell this week, will break for August, and resume, with the aim of reaching a speedy conclusion, in early September.

In his consultations with parties this week, in addition to updating himself on their views, the Senator will be ready to discuss the style, format and location of the review when it resumes in September.

We are very grateful to Senator Mitchell for agreeing to return and act as facilitator.