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TASK	RESP	ONSIBL	LITY	NIMWC ACTION	ACTION
Propose and support a new British Irish Agreement replacing the AIA	FM/DFM (****) All Participants (*****)	X	X	n/a	Changes drafted; ready to go if executive established
Propose and support changes in the constitution of Ireland			X		NI Act passed; Orders in Council on Departmental changes; Transfer of Functions; Modification of enactments passed in House
Propose and support changes to the constitutional status of Northern Ireland		X			
Strand 1					
108 member Assembly	****	X			Assembly elected June 1998
Capable of exercising executive authority	****	X	X		No. Negotiations ongoing. Deadlines set for Mar 25 th , April 2; new deadline Jun 30
Capable of exercising legislative authority	****	X	X		No. Not yet 'sufficient progress' as deemed by Secretary of State.
FM/DFM jointly elected	****				Yes
FM/DFM affirm pledge of office	***				Yes
Shadow Ministers affirm pledge of office in transitional period	****	X	X		No.
Up to 10 Ministers with departmental responsibilities	****				Yes. Assembly agreed report on Feb. 15 th . Agriculture and Rural Development; Education; Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment; Regional Development; Culture Arts and Leisure; Environment; Enterprise Trade and Employment; Finance; Health and Social Services; Public Safety; Social Development.
A committee for each of main executive functions	****				Framework in Place; Clerks and staff appointed.
Establish Civic Forum	***			MMW on Study Group	Study group est. Report passed Feb 15 th on composition and operation of CF.

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Assembly to resolve its Standing Orders, working practices etc.	****			JM on CSO	Yes. CSO report proposed and passed March 8. Work continuing on amendments, mainly in respect of 'proportional vs. representative' nature of committee places.
These arrangements subject to review "after specified period"	****				Not applicable.
Strand 2					
NSMC to be established	****	X	X		Not until executive
Inaugural meeting in transitional form	****	X	X		No
NSMC to identify and agree at least 6 matters for co-operation (existing bodies)	****	X	X	NiWC submitted paper	Areas identified by FM/DEM report of Feb 15 th . Transport, Agriculture, Education, Health, Environment, Tourism.
NSMC to identify and agree at least 6 matters for co-operation (new implementation bodies)	****	X	X	NiWC submitted papers, introduced special EU programmes	Areas identified in FM/DEM report of Feb 15 th . Inland Waterways, Food Safety, Trade and Business Development, Special EU programmes, Language (2 parts) Aquaculture and Marine Matters
HMGUK & ROI/G to draft enabling preparations		X	X		North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (NI) Order 1999. Memoranda of Understanding. Treaties signed.
Consideration to development of joint parliamentary forum		X	X		Not applicable until up and running
Consideration to independent consultative forum	****	?	?		Not applicable until up and running
Strand 3					
British Irish Council to be established		X	X		No - dependent on progress in other areas
New British Irish Agreement		X	X		Yes. (Though does not take effect until devolution)
British Irish Intergovernmental Conference to be established		X	X		"Virtually" all preparation done. Will take effect when devolution occurs. Requires formal Memorandum of Understanding. Also, nature of NI Administration's involvement needs to be worked out with NI Administration. AIS to propose.
Three year review		X	X		Not applicable at this time

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Human Rights, Safeguards and Equality of Opportunity.					
ECHR Incorporation		X			No. Postponed by UK government.
Statutory Equality obligation of public bodies		X			Not yet applicable
Human Rights Commission to be established		X			Established. Brice Dickson as Chief Commissioner. 8(?) part time commissioners appointed.
HRC to advise on Bill of Rights		X; HRC			No formal process announced as yet
Equality Commission to be established		X			ECWG reported April. Single board. 1 full time commissioner and 1 part-time deputy; more work needed on consultative councils; 4 separate directorates maintained; single site premises; same staffing numbers; 6 strategic priority areas
Consider Dept of Equality	****	X			Considered, but not agreed in departmental discussions. Equality Unit in FM/DFM's office.
ROIG to strengthen HR			X		ROIG have started examination - All Party Ctee on Constitution considering.
ROIG to establish HRC			X		Heads of Bill published. Legislation due next few weeks.
ROIG will ratify Council of Europe on National Minorities			X		Yes. On May 7 th 1999
ROIG will implement enhanced employment equality legislation			X		Yes. Extends employment law to include religion, sexual orientation - basically the PAFI categories.
ROIG will introduce equal status legislation			X		Yes. Just before Easter 99. Extends to discrimination in delivery of goods and services etc.
ROIG demonstrate respect for difference			X		Recent funding initiatives aimed at reconciliation. £150k to the Messine Tower; developing of Battle of the Boyne site (Millennium project)
Joint Cite HRC NI; ROI		X	X		No
Development of comm-based initiatives to be supported		X			No, and proposals to deal with second tranche 'peace money' actively work against this.
Provision of support services to victims		X	X		Education Bursary Scheme established Jan 93; NI Memorial Fund announced Dec 98; Trauma Centre opened Feb 99; Criminal Injuries Compensation Review Group due to report Summer 99. John Wilson report on victims in South due soon.
					NIWC lobby on fundings; appointed liaison to Victims Liaison Unit; responded to We will Remember Them (Nov 98); lobby on Disappeared. Submission

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Allocation of sufficient resources to meet needs of victims			?	on CICRG.	
Positive examination of case for enhanced financial assistance for rec. work	X		?		
Promotion of culture of tolerance	X		?		
Rights Safeguards and Equality of Opportunity (Economic, Social and Cultural issues)					
HMGUK will sustain economic growth, promote social inclusion; advance women in public life	X				
HMGUK will advance regional development strategy	X				Regional Plan published. Consultation period. Ingram puts some into action.
HMGUK will advance economic development strategy	X				??
HMGUK will advance employment equality	X				??
HMGUK will promote Irish Language	X				No real evidence. No Ombudsman for Irish language.
HMGUK will facilitate and encourage its use	X				
HMGUK will seek to remove restrictions on its use	X				
Liaison will Irish language community to be established	X				Who is liaison?
Statutory duty on DENI	X				??
Explore scope for TnaG in NI	X				Discussions ongoing. RTE signal improved, but early broadcast interfered with Isle of Man. Broadcasting not developed, so discussions with Westminster.
Support for Irish language film and TV	X				No.

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Arrangements to monitor symbols in new institutions		X			Not applicable.
Decommissioning					
Reaffirm commitment to total disarmament of all para orgs	****	X	X		Yes.
Work constructively with KCD	****	X	X		Yes.
2 govts to introduce decomm schemes by June 98		X	X		Yes.
Security					
HM/GUK will publish 'normalisation' strategy asap		X			No. Prepared but not published.
HM/GUK will continue consultation on firearms regulation		X			???
ROIG will review Offences Against the State Acts			X		Yes. Check results.
Folkling and Justice					
An independent Commission will be established		X			Yes. Patten consultation ongoing. Report expected 2 nd week September.
Wide ranging review of Criminal Justice to be established; report by Autumn 99		X		NIWC preliminary submission NIWC oral submission and attended CJRG seminar.	Yes. Headed by Jim Daniel, published consultation paper August 98; progress report April 99.
Prisoners					
HM/GUK & ROIG will provide for accelerated release programmes		X	X		Yes. All prisoners sentenced in ROI released. Prisoners sentenced in Britain transferred, awaiting release. Most NI prisoners released.
Will complete review within fixed timeframe		X	X		Yes.
Enact enabling legislation by June 98		X	X		Yes.

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Validation, Implementation and Review						
ASAP new British Irish Agreement		X	X			Yes. Yet to take effect. (Not until devolution.)
Both govts to organise referendum		X	X			Yes.
Before full implementation: aspects of implementation by HM/GUK or both govts. May be reviewed		X	X			Not applicable.
Or 2 govts; parties, independent chair to review		X	X			Not applicable.
GF A as a whole						Not applicable.
Autonomous operation review of institutions	****					Not applicable.
Autonomous separate or joint review of more than 1 institution	****					Not applicable.
Wide ranging review if difficulties	****	X	X			Not applicable.
4 year conference		X	X			Not applicable.
Notes						