

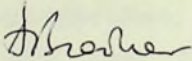
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Dr J Alderdice

PLENARY MEETING: PT/21

I attach the minutes of the Plenary meeting held on the afternoon of 3 June.



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SUMMARY RECORD OF A PLENARY MEETING
HELD AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON THE AFTERNOON OF 3 JUNE 1992

Those Present:

<u>Government Team</u>	<u>Alliance Party</u>	<u>UUP</u>
Secretary of State	Dr Alderdice	Mr Nicholson
Mr Hanley	Mr Close	Mr Cunningham
PUS	Mr Neeson	Mr Empey
Mr Fell		
Mr Thomas	Mr Morrow	Mr Allen
Mr Bell	Mr McBride	Mrs Bradford
Mr Hill	Mrs Bell	
Mr Maccabe	Mr Dickson	
<u>Talks Secretariat</u>	<u>SDLP</u>	<u>UDUP</u>
Mr Brooker	Mr Hume	Mr Robinson
Mr May	Mr Mallon	Mr Campbell
	Mr McGrady	Mr Dodds
<u>Also Present</u>		
Mr Fittall	Mr Hendron	Mr Vitty
Mr Smyth	Mr Haughey	Mr Gibson
Mr Smith	Mr Farren	Miss R Paisley
Mrs Pyper	Mr Feeley	

The meeting commenced at 12.52 and concluded at 12.59.

1. The Government Team explained that the Sub-Committee had met, as agreed, on Monday and Tuesday. The Government Team expressed its gratitude to the Sub-Committee for its hard work. A paper, which was the product of that work, had been produced, and the Government Team proposed that it be taken note of but not discussed in Plenary. The Government Team proposed that the Sub-Committee be invited to continue its work, as it was clear that further consideration needed to be given to the issues in question. In addition, a second Sub-Committee, or a division of the existing Sub-Committee should discuss contemporaneously the relationship between any new Northern Ireland institutions and Westminster. This constituted the second limb of Strand I as explained in the 26 March Statement.

2. The Government Team was conscious that time was passing, and felt that this additional work would help to maintain the momentum towards the transition to Strand II at the first appropriate moment. The Government Team explained that Parliamentary and European Parliament Business meant the most appropriate time for the Plenary to receive a report back would be Wednesday 10 June.

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3. The SDLP delegation said that as the existing Sub-Committee was well versed in the nuances of the issues under discussion, they would prefer the work on the Westminster dimension to be conducted under that Sub-Committee's aegis. They also proposed that an additional member be appointed by each party to the Sub-Committee in order to allow the Sub-Committee to divide itself into two groups each consisting of two members of each party. The Unionist parties said they were content with that proposal, noting that the Sub-Committee had originally agreed that personnel would not be rotated, but that an additional appointee would not cause a problem in this regard. In response to a UUP delegation question, it was agreed by the parties that one report, possibly incorporating two documents reflecting the different discussions, would be the most likely form of the report back to Plenary. The Alliance Party delegation suggested that with the intensive nature of the work to be undertaken, it might be wise to appoint a substitute should any of the four Sub-Committee members be unable to attend a meeting. This would enable work to continue. The other party delegations agreed to this proposal.

4. The Government Team proposed a draft press statement which was agreed by the parties.

Talks Secretariat