FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION



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28 November, 1997

To

Forum Delegation Sccretaries

From

Secretary-General

Re

Reconvening of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation

Dear Delegation Secretary,

At the direction of the Chairperson of the Forum, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, who is responding to a request from the Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D., I am to inform you that a public plenary session of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation will be held in the Conference Centre, Dublin Castle, to commence at 10.30am, to continue until 1pm and to be followed by lunch at 1.30pm. The reconvening of the Forum has been the subject of correspondence between the Taoiseach and the leader of/spokesperson of your delegation (copy enclosed).

I enclose the agenda for the meeting as decided by the Chairperson, taking account of a proposal from the Taoiseach. In view of the limited time available at the meeting, the Chairperson has found it necessary to determine time limits for contributions and these are indicated on the agenda.

I look forward to again meeting you and the members of your delegation at meetings of the Forum and I hope that the <u>ad hoc</u> arrangements we will have to make for the servicing and secretariat of the Forum will prove satisfactory to your delegation. I am at your disposal (telephone nos: Dublin 6624 888 and 619 4093, fax no:6621 972) to respond to any queries you or members of your delegation may have.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Forty-Second Plenary Meeting, 5 December, 1997 at 10,30am, Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

10.30 am Brief remarks by the Chairperson, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness on the Reconvening of the Forum.

Statements on behalf of Delegations on Northern Ireland: Political Situation and Developments (in view of the limited time available, the statements by the 8 "larger delegations" should be limited to not more than 7 minutes, with those by the 7 "smaller delegations" limited to not more than 4 minutes).

Questions put by Delegations not participating in the Multi-Party Talks to Delegations which are participating - on the basis of the time available, each Question (from each of 8 delegations) and each response (from each of 7 delegations) should be limited, on average, to not more than 4 minutes; the Chairperson will seek to manage the question and answer session so as to ensure respect for the timetable and that delegations receive the responses they seek while ensuring equitable treatment of all delegations.

1.30 pm Lunch.

1.30 pm

10.35 am

12 noon