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No agreement to date.

- we accept the paper of the Chair
- agreement not reached: consensus probably reached. *
- sensitive to the needs of all sides
- agreement has to be on something of substance

Alliance position is that we will not sign up for "blandness."
The limit is the SDP/UMP paper.

[If constantly going on about Ministers "not engaging" - that is not I believe true and is playing a game with the process. That is why we have responded.]

⇒ document didn't even go to our colleagues ⇒

Maxim McGunagle predicting ... hitting ... etc.

→ Check our what Sam Nura has said to Sunday Times.

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Mon 12 10 a — Business Ctte.
 2 p — ~~Stand~~ I.

Tues 13 10.30 a — Stand II.
 3.30 p — Confidence building Ctte.

Wed 14 10.30 a — ~~Recommending~~ Ctte.

David Trimble raises visits to London & Dublin & objects. SF responds rather triumphantly, in attacking the blame to the UUP, and trying box Trimble in. The UUP have picked a bad issue to fight about — self-undoing and giving SF a big stick with which to beat them.
 SDCP — Scamus H. talking about the person that has entered in.

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Round table contributions on the current status.

St review proposal of Chairman's list, and a draft paper produced by HMG + Eric Gorr. (challenge from X)

2 possibilities [Chairman's paper (cf Seamus H's comments)
Chairman's paper + 2 changes

[formats become a substitute for substance]

UVP - need to focus down from all the possibilities to the smaller number of realities that can be achieved.

SDLP Proposing continuation of current group.

VVP Very clear that Eric Gorr not being involved in Strand 2.

[^{of} issues of equality, sovereignty, demilitarization, finances]
= Memorizing =

SDLP accepts we need a paper on "Key Issues" as well as

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2. Review issue of Sunday Times article & meeting with
SF to resolve it.