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DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE CEREMONY AT THE PEACE PARK IN MESEN AND VISIT TO BELGIUM BY PRESIDENT McALEESE

13.00	Arrive Dublin Airport	
	Inspect Courtesy Guard	
	Farewelled by: Government Minister (tba) H.E. Ambassador Louis Fobe	
13.15	Depart Dublin Airport *(Flying Time:)*	
15.45	The President arrives by Government Jet at Wevelgem Airfield	**PROTOCOL 1**
	Met on arrival by: King Albert Ambassador and Mrs. Ryan Mr. Paul Breyne, Governor of West Flanders and and Mrs. Breyne (tbc) Belgian Chief of Protocol	
15.55	Queen Elizabeth II arrives at Wevelgem Airfield *Met on arrival by King Albert II, British Ambassador and Mrs. Colvin and the Governor of West Flanders,Mr. Paul Breyne, and Mrs. Breyne (tbc)*	
15.57	President greets Queen Elizabeth on her arrival in Terminal Building	
16.00	President and Dr McAleese, Queen Elizabeth, King Albert and Queen Paola leave Wevelgem Airfield for Mesen	**CAR PLAN 1**
14.50	*Irish and British Military Bands assemble in Mesen town*	**PROTOCOL 2**
15.00	*Military Bands leave Mesen town centre and lead the Parade (ex-service men and other organisations) to the Peace Park*	
15.00	*Invited guests arrive and take their places at Peace Park in Mesen*	
15.15	*Arrival of Irish and British military bands at the Peace Park*	
15.20	*Short speeches of welcome by the Mayor of Mesen, Mr. Harte and Mr. Barr*	

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15.30-15.55 *Audience is entertained by the two military bands*

15.55 *Inter-denominational Peace Service conducted by representatives of main Churches in Ireland begins*

16.20 *At Peace Park in Mesen Interdenominational Service concludes - the military bands resume playing*

16.25 The President and Dr McAleese, Queen Elizabeth, King Albert and Queen Paola arrive at Mesen
Greeted by:
Mr. Paul Breyne, the Governor of West Flanders and Mrs. Breyne
the Mayor of Mesen
Mr. Paddy Harte and Mr. Glenn Barr, Chairmen of the Journey of Reconciliation Trust

The Heads of State and party approach the Peace Tower while an Irish and a British piper play a lament

The Mayor of Mesen makes a short speech of welcome

The Peace Pledge is read out by Mr. Harte and Mr. Barr

The President unveils a plaque on the Peace Tower in the presence of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth

The President, Queen Elizabeth and King Albert each lay a wreath
followed by the Co-Chairmen of the Trust and the Mayor of Mesen

One minute silence is observed
Terminated by a muffled drum beat

"The Last Post" is sounded.

"Reveille" is sounded.

16.40 The three Heads of State turn and proceed to the entrance of the Peace Park
Three local children present flowers to the President, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Paola

President McAleese, Queen Elizabeth, King Albert and Queen Paola bid farewell to each other and depart the peace Park **CAR PLAN 2**

The King and the Queen proceed to Ieper (Ypres)

The President proceeds to a holding room in Mesen
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16.50	*Reception in the town of Mesen begins*	
17.00	President and Dr McAleese arrive at the Countess Adela Museum	**PROTOCOL 3**
	Greeted by: tba	
17.00	The President enters the Countess Adela Museum and proceeds to the main Reception Room	
	President McAleese makes brief remarks in the Main Reception Room (Podium/PA)	
17.30	President leaves Mesen for Wevelgem airport	**CAR PLAN 3**
17.55	Departure from Wevelgem airport for Brussels airport/military terminal	
18.20	Arrival at Brussels airport / military terminal	
18.25	Departure from Brussels airport/ military terminal for Leuven	**CAR PLAN 4**
18.50	Arrival at Irish Institute for European Affairs, Broekstraat 1, 3000 Leuven	**PROTOCOL 4**
	Greeted by: Mr Malachy Vallely, President Irish Institute for European Affairs	
18.50	President proceeds to a holding room in the Institute for European Affairs	
19.00-21.00	*Reception at the Irish Institute for European Affairs*	
19.10	President enters reception *Remarks from existing Platform to the left of the Entrance*	
	President and dr McAleese are introduced to guests	
20.10	Departure from Irish Institute for European Affairs in Leuven for Brussels Airport/military terminal	**CAR PLAN 4**
20.35	Arrival at Brussels Airport / military terminal	
20.40	Departure from Brussels Airport/military terminal for Dublin	
21.10	Arrive Dublin Airport	
	Greeted on arrival by:	

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