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ANNEX 12

LIST OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS BASED ON PARTY PROPOSALS AND BRITISH IRISH OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS

Decommissioning

17. Add to paragraph 3 "and their conviction that those who participate in democratic bodies should be using only democratic means. **[Irish to draft alternative language.]** All participants therefore reaffirm their commitment to the elimination of paramilitary shootings and beatings". **[Rejected by Irish.]**

18. Add to paragraph 4 "with the process of decommissioning beginning as soon as the Agreement comes into force". **[Rejected by Irish.]**

Square brackets to show endpoint for decommissioning process: period to equate with that for prisoner releases.

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"and their conviction that those who ~~participate in the democratic bodies~~ hold office should ~~be using~~ use only democratic means, and that those that do not should be removed under the procedures set out in paragraph 12 of Strand 1."

To be included at an appropriate point in Strand 1

Improved text on Decommissioning attached (changes to existing text underlined)

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CHAIRMAN'S TEXT

Decommissioning Amended 9/4/98

1. The participants agreed, in the Procedural Motion adopted on 24 September, 1997, "that the resolution of the Decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation". It is, therefore, an indispensable part of this agreement.

2. The Participants note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which can represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally-held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups.

3. They agree that the decommissioning of such arms would make a major contribution to confidence building in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

4. All participants accordingly reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. They also confirm their intention to continue to work constructively and in good faith with the Independent Commission [,and to use any influence they may have,] to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within [ ] years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the Agreement and in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

5. The Independent Commission will monitor, review and verify progress on decommissioning of illegal arms, and will report to both Governments.,at regular intervals.

6. Both Governments will take all necessary steps to facilitate the decommissioning process to include bringing the relevant schemes into force by the end of June.

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Page 16, paragraph 12 of Strand 1

Add new sentence:

"Those who hold office should use only democratic, non-violent means, and those who do not should be excluded or removed from office under these provisions."

from Jonathan Powell

I think I will might be able to live with this, taking into account your earlier comments.

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Paragraph 2: Decommissioning

The participants note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which can represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups, and recall the provisions of paragraph 12 of Strand 1 which provide that those holding office should use only democratic, non-violent means.

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Paragraph 3/4: Decommissioning

The participants note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which can represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups, and recall the provisions of paragraph 12 of Strand 1.

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ANNEX 1

Master text

As at 17.00 hours 9.4.98

DECOMMISSIONING

1. The participants agreed, in the Procedural Motion adopted on 24 September 1997, "that the resolution of the Decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation." It is, therefore, an indispensable part of this agreement.

2. The Participants note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally-held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups, and recall the provisions of paragraph 12 of Strand 1 which provide that those holding office should use only democratic, non-violent means.

3. All participants reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations and their intention to continue to work constructively with the Independent Commission on Decommissioning to achieve this.

4. All participants undertake to work constructively and in good faith with the Independent Commission to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within [ ] years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the overall settlement in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

5. The Independent Commission will monitor, review and verify progress on decommissioning of illegal arms, and will report to both Governments at regular intervals.

6. Both Governments will take all necessary steps to facilitate the decommissioning process.

[Note from the Independent Chairmen: Remaining to be resolved is the time frame for decommissioning (paragraph 3 above).]

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CHAIRMAN'S TEXT

Decommissioning Amended 9/4/98 (2)

1. Participants recall their agreement in the Procedural Motion adopted on 24 September, 1997 "that the resolution of the decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation", and also recall the provisions of [paragraph 12 of Strand 1] above.

2. They note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which can represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally-held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups.

3. All participants accordingly reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. They also confirm their intention to continue to work constructively and in good faith with the Independent Commission, and to use any influence they may have, to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within [ ] years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the Agreement and in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

4. The Independent Commission will monitor, review and verify progress on decommissioning of illegal arms, and will report to both Governments.,at regular intervals.

5. Both Governments will take all necessary steps to facilitate the decommissioning process to include bringing the relevant schemes into force by the end of June.

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1.30 a.m.

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DECOMMISSIONING

1. **Participants recall their agreement** in the Procedural Motion adopted on 24 September 1997 "that the resolution of the decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation", **and also recall the provisions of [paragraph 12 of Strand 1] above.**

2. **They** note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which **can** represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally-held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups.

3. All participants **accordingly** reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. **They also confirm** their intention to continue to work constructively **and in good faith** with the Independent Commission, **and to use any influence they may have, to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within** [ ] years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the **Agreement and** in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

4. The Independent Commission will monitor, review and verify progress on decommissioning of illegal arms, and will report to both Governments at regular intervals.

6. Both Governments will take all necessary steps to facilitate the decommissioning process **to include bringing the relevant schemes into force by the end of June.**

[Note from the Independent Chairmen: Remaining to be resolved is the time frame for decommissioning (paragraph **3** above).]

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The Independent Chairmen
Draft Paper for Discussion

DECOMMISSIONING

1. **Participants recall their agreement** in the Procedural Motion adopted on 24 September 1997 "that the resolution of the decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation", **and also recall the provisions of paragraph 25 of Strand 1 above.**

2. **They** note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which **can** represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally-held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups.

3. All participants **accordingly** reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. **They also confirm** their intention to continue to work constructively **and in good faith** with the Independent Commission, **and to use any influence they may have, to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within 2** years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the **Agreement and** in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

4. The Independent Commission will monitor, review and verify progress on decommissioning of illegal arms, and will report to both Governments at regular intervals.

6. Both Governments will take all necessary steps to facilitate the decommissioning process **to include bringing the relevant schemes into force by the end of June.**

[Note from the Independent Chairmen: Remaining to be resolved is the time frame for decommissioning (paragraph **3** above).]

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ANNEX 20

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PARTICIPANTS

FROM: The Independent Chairmen

SUBJECT: Final Agreement April 10, 1998

Attached for your review are four copies of the proposed Final Agreement.

We intend to convene a plenary session to consider and act on this Agreement this morning.

Our staff will contact your offices as soon as the time is fixed.

This is, in all likelihood, our last Memorandum to you. We take this occasion to thank each of you for your courtesy. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

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DECOMMISSIONING

1. Participants recall their agreement in the Procedural Motion adopted on 24 September 1997 "that the resolution of the decommissioning issue is an indispensable part of the process of negotiation", and also recall the provisions of paragraph 25 of Strand 1 above.

2. They note the progress made by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and the Governments in developing schemes which can represent a workable basis for achieving the decommissioning of illegally-held arms in the possession of paramilitary groups.

3. All participants accordingly reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. They also confirm their intention to continue to work constructively and in good faith with the Independent Commission, and to use any influence they may have, to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within two years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the agreement and in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement.

4. The Independent Commission will monitor, review and verify progress on decommissioning of illegal arms, and will report to both Governments at regular intervals.

6. Both Governments will take all necessary steps to facilitate the decommissioning process to include bringing the relevant schemes into force by the end of June.

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ANNEX 21

10 DOWNING STREET
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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 April 1998

Dear David,

I understand your problem with paragraph 25 of Strand 1 is that it requires decisions on those who should be excluded or removed from office in the Northern Ireland Executive to be taken on a cross-community basis.

This letter is to let you know that if, during the course of the first six months of the shadow Assembly or the Assembly itself, these provisions have been shown to be ineffective, we will support changes to these provisions to enable them to be made properly effective in preventing such people from holding office.

Furthermore, I confirm that in our view the effect of the decommissioning section of the agreement, with decommissioning schemes coming into effect in June. is that the process of decommissioning should begin straight away.

Yours ever

Tony Blair

The Right Honourable David Trimble MP

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