

Addendum B

**PROPOSAL ON ADMISSION OF MEDIA TO MEETINGS OF
THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL**

1. The participants in the Multi-Party Negotiating Process are committed to keeping the public as informed as possible and, at the same time, managing the negotiating process constructively.
2. In order to achieve this the Negotiating Council shall both meet in open session and in committee.
3. Accordingly, the Negotiating Council shall admit members of the press to observe its proceedings in respect of procedural and substantive issues.
4. The Negotiating Council shall meet "in committee" when, in the opinion of the Council, this would facilitate the negotiating process;
5. The decision to move into committee shall be taken after:
 - 5.1 A proposal to move into committee is proposed and seconded at the Negotiating Council meeting.
 - 5.2 This proposal is then discussed by the Negotiating Council in committee and on adoption, the Negotiating Council shall then meet in committee to discuss the issue at hand.
 - 5.3 The Negotiating Council reports its decision to the open session.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of 18 March 1993

4.1 Adoption of the minutes:

The minutes were adopted with the following amendments:

- * The numbering from Item 4 onwards was corrected.
- * Item 5.4.3, the second sentence refers: "and" be replaced by "any";
- * The Addition of an Item 6.6.8 to read "With regard to the Planning Committee, the principle of rotation and continuity were agreed to."
- * Item 6.5.3, the fifth sentence refers: "who" be replaced by "which"

4.2 Matters arising from the minutes:

4.2.1 The presence of the Media within the meeting of the Negotiating Council:

4.2.1.1 It was noted that there was a common desire to make the process more transparent, but no consensus was reached.

4.2.1.2 It was agreed that the Planning Committee meets over lunch time to see if it is possible to resolve this issue and to report back after lunch.

4.2.1.3 After lunch, the Planning Committee tabled a proposal (Addendum B).

4.2.1.4 It was agreed to adopt the proposal, in principle, with the following amendments:

- * Item 5.1 should read: "A proposal to move into committee is proposed and seconded at the Negotiating Council meeting."
- * Item 5.2 should read: "This proposal is then discussed by the Negotiating Council in committee and on adoption, the Negotiating Council shall then meet in committee to discuss the issue at hand." Item 6 would therefore fall away.
- * Item 5.3 refers: "open" replaces "'full";

4.2.1.5 It was agreed that the wording of the proposal be refined by the Planning Committee.

4.2.1.6 The proposal by the Labour Party that Mr Eglin as acting Chairperson of the Planning Committee be mandated to go and report back to the media in this