

Country/ entity	Ireland United Kingdom Northern Ireland
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Rules of Procedure
Date	29 Jul 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Northern Ireland Conflict (1968 - 1998) )
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Northern Ireland peace process
Parties	British and Irish governments
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement sets out rules and conduct of the proceedings of forthcoming negotiations and rules for decision-making. It sets out the structures of negotiations into four formats: Plenary; Strand One; Strand Two; Strand Three; and, a Business Committee and their areas of concern and structure. It also sets out the chairmen and their roles and responsibilities.

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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 5-6, Decision-Making, 34 A proposition would be deemed to have sufficient consensus when supported by participating political parties which, taken together, shall have obtained a majority of the valid votes cast in the elections held on 30 May 1996 and which between them represent a majority of both the unionist and nationalist communities in Northern Ireland respectively and which also constitute a majority of the participating political parties...
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-  
border  
provision

No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

Political  
institutions  
(new or  
reformed)

No specific mention.

Elections

No specific mention.

Electoral  
commission

No specific mention.

Political  
parties  
reform

No specific mention.

Civil society

No specific mention.

Traditional/  
religious  
leaders

No specific mention.

Public  
administration

No specific mention.

Constitution

No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political  
power  
sharing

No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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### **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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### **Rights related issues**

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy	Page 5, Conduct of the Proceedings, 29. If, during the negotiations, a formal representation is made to the Independent Chairmen that a participant is no longer entitled to participate on the grounds that they have demonstrably dishonoured the principles of democracy and nonviolence as set forth in the Report of 22 January 1996 of the International Body, this will be circulated by the Chairmen to all participants and will be subject to appropriate action by the Governments, having due regard to the views of the participants.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/ access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## Land, property and environment

Land reform/  
rights

No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights

No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage

No specific mention.

Environment

No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access

No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security  
Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed  
forces

No specific mention.

DDR

No specific mention.

Intelligence  
services

No specific mention.



Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal  
of foreign  
forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general

No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon

No specific mention.

Courts

No specific mention.

Mechanism

No specific mention.

Prisoner  
release

No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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