

## Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

<b>Country/ entity</b>	Ireland United Kingdom Northern Ireland
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Communiqué
<b>Date</b>	28 Nov 1995
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Northern Ireland Conflict (1968 - 1998) )
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Northern Ireland peace process
<b>Parties</b>	British and Irish Governments
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	A Joint Communiqué by British and Irish Governments, outlined a "twin-track" process to make progress in parallel on the decommissioning issue and on all-party negotiations". The parties agree to invite all parties together for substantive negotiations aimed at a political settlement based on consent. It provides for establishing an international body to provide an independent assessment of the decommissioning issue.

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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	No specific mention.
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 1, 3. ...These matters would include how best the structure and format of all-party negotiations, involving in appropriate strands both governments and all the relevant Northern Ireland parties, directed to addressing in a comprehensive manner all the relevant relationships in an interlocking three-stranded process, can properly take account of democratic mandates and principles, including whether and how an elected body could play a part...
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

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

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In parallel, the two governments have agreed to establish an international body to provide an independent assessment of the decommissioning issue.

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Recognising the widely expressed desire to see all arms removed from Irish politics, the two governments will ask the international body to report on the arrangements necessary for the removal from the political equation of arms silenced by the virtue of the welcome decisions taken last summer and autumn by those organisations that previously supported the use of arms for political purposes.

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In particular, the two governments will ask the body to:

- Identify and advise on a suitable and acceptable method for full and verifiable decommissioning; and
- Report whether there is a clear commitment on the part of those in possession of such arms to work constructively to achieve that.

Page 2, 8.

It will be for the international body to determine its own procedures. The two governments expect it to consult widely, to invite relevant parties to submit their analysis of matters relevant to the decommissioning issue and, in reaching its conclusions within its remit, to consider such evidence on its merits.

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In establishing the body, the British and Irish governments reaffirm their willingness to continue to take responsive measures, advised by their respective security authorities, as the threat reduces.

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The two governments have invited Senator George Mitchell to chair the body, and will invite two other eminent persons to serve as the other members of the body.

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The two governments have asked the body to submit its report to the two governments by mid-January 1996. Neither government, nor any other party cooperating with the work of the body, is bound in advance to accept its recommendations, which will be advisory. The two governments will consider carefully any recommendations it makes and give them due weight on their merits.

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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