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SINN FEIN ARD FHEIS 1976/1977
STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The annual Ard Fheis is the most important gathering of Sinn Fein since it is here that the policies and strategies on various issues are democratically decided. If we are to use the Ard Fheis to the best advantage, covering as much business as possible in the short time available, it is important to use the Clar properly. These notes are to help delegates understand the procedures and the Steering Committee Recommendations.

The Steering Committee, following the usual practice of the last few years, has grouped resolutions under specific headings e.g. Education - Resolutions 73 - 81. Because of the large number of resolutions on the Clar the time allocated to each debate is fairly short. Delegates may feel that particular subjects should have been allocated more time for debate, but the Steering Committee has had an almost impossible task in trying to ensure that the Clar will be covered during the weekend. An additional complication this year, has been that it has not been possible to group the resolutions together as substantive resolutions, amendments and addenda, as effectively as in previous years. This is because of the wide variety of resolutions on the Clar. Because of this it is important that delegates try and stick to the timetable and the Steering Committee Recommendations will help in this.

The terms which are used may need some explanation. A Substantive Motion means the main motion under debate. An amendment replaces something in the original, or alters its meaning significantly. An addendum adds to the original motion. A composite motion is the grouping together of two or more motions.

We look forward to the co-operation of all delegates to ensure that the Ard Fheis is conducted in an efficient and productive manner.

Is sinne,

Tony Heffernan
Eamon Smullen
Sean O Cionnaith

Steering Committee

N.B. Where an amendment or an addendum is accepted by the proposer of a substantive resolution, it then becomes part of the substantive resolution and does not have to be proposed and seconded separately.

In the case where resolutions from different Cumainn have been composed, delegates should agree among themselves as to who will propose and second the composite resolution. Disputes can be referred to the Steering Committee.

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POLITICAL(Resolutions 1-22) Resolution 1 is the substantive motion. 2 which covers 3,4,5,6,8,9,& 10 is an addendum. Res 7 is a separate addendum and 13, 14 and 15 are amendments to the substantive motion. Resolutions 11 and 12 are composited and debated as one. Res 16 and 17 are taken separately. Res ~~18~~²⁰ (which covers 19) is an amendment to ~~18~~. Res 21 is taken separately. *20 sent*

INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY(Resolutions 22 -39) Resolutions 22,23,24 and 25 are composited and debated as one. Resolutions 26 and 27 composited. Resolutions 29 and 30 are also composited. Res 31 - 39 discussed and voted on separately. N.B. Res 28 will be taken in conjunction with the debate on Agriculture.

CIVIL LIBERTIES (Resolutions 40-49) Resolutions 40 and 41 are composited. Res 49 is an addendum to this composite. Resolutions 42 and 44 are also composited and 45,46,47 are addenda to this composite. Resolutions 43 and 48 are taken separately.

AGRICULTURE AND THE LAND(Resolutions 50-63) Resolutions 50 and 51 are composited. 52 and 55 are addenda to this composite. Resolution: 54 is an amendment to 53. Resolutions 56,57,59(covers 58 and 60),61,62, and 63 all taken separately.

FISHERIES(Resolutions 64-72) Resolutions 64 and 68 are composited. This composite covers 65,66,67, and 69. Resolutions 70,71 and 72 are all taken separately.

EDUCATION (Resolutions 73-81) Resolutions 73 and 74 are composited. Resolutions 75,76,77(covers 78), 79,80 and 81 all taken separately.

* NAME OF PARTY (Resolutions 82-95) Res 82 (covering 83,84,85,87,88, 89,90,91,92 and 93) to be substantive. Res 86 is an addendum to this and 94 is an amendment. Res 95 taken separately.

HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT(Resolutions 96-111) Resolutions 96 and 97 are composited. This composite covers 98. Resolutions 99, 101(covers 100), 102, 103, 104(covers 111),105,106,107, and 108 (covers 109 and 110) are all taken separately.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (Resolutions 112 -117). All taken separately.

DUBLIN DEVELOPMENT(Resolutions 118-123). Resolutions 118 and 123 are composited. This covers 119 and 122. Resolutions 120 and 121 are addenda to the composite.

C.I.E. (Resolutions 124-127). The 4 resolutions to be discussed together, but voted on separately.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS(Resolutions 128 -134). All taken separately except 129 which is an addendum to 131.

MISCELLANEOUS(Resolutions 135 - 159). All taken separately except 136 which is covered by 135. Resolutions 141 and 142 are composited. 144 is amended by 145. 149 is covered by 148. 153 is covered by 151 and 152 is an amendment to 151.

* This substantive resolution is a constitutional amendment which will require a 2/3rd majority to be successful.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (Resolutions 160 and 161). Each taken separately. Both will require a 2/3rd majority.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS (Resolutions 162-176) To be taken in conjunction with the report of the Director of Organisation. Res 162 to be substantive. 163, 164 and 165 are amendments. Resolutions 166 is composed with 167. 168 is an amendment to this composite. All other resolutions taken separately except 174 which is an amendment to 173, and 176 which is an amendment to 175.

FINANCE (Resolutions 177-183) To be taken in conjunction with the Treasurers Report. Resolutions 177 to be substantive. 178 and 179 are amendments. Resolutions 180, 181, 182, 183 to be taken separately.

MISCELLANEOUS (Resolutions 184-197) Resolutions 190 to be taken in Publicity debate. 192, 193 and 195 to be taken in conjunction with report of the Director of Organisation. Resolutions 184 is an amendment to 185. All otherstaken separately.