

THWARTING THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

STAGES OF THE PROCESS ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING	STAGE 1 MEDIATION	STAGE 2 PROCEEDINGS	STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT	STAGE 4 COMPLIANCE
NOTIFICATIONS	Beginning of Stage 1 Loyal Orders must notify before 1 st October of each year what parades they wish to take place during the following year		Beginning of Stage 3 Residents groups can notify a protest-related parade fourteen days after a Determination has been issued by the Rights Panel for Parades and Processions	
BODIES IN CHARGE	Parades Facilitation Agency	Rights Panel for Parades and Protests	Police Services of Northern Ireland	Compliance Branch of the Rights Panel for Parades and Protests
FUNCTIONS	To intensify mediation and facilitate local arrangement over an extended period of time, commencing on October 1 of each year	To organise a hearing and issue Determinations on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and the rights and freedoms of others	To assess the situation and make a decision in the interests of national security or public safety or for the prevention of disorder or crime	To receive reports from monitors and police immediately after the parade has taken place in respect of which a Determination has been issued; and state whether there has been a failure to comply with a Determination
OUTCOME	Agreement between Loyal Orders and Residents Groups If no agreement, good faith certificate required to enable the Loyal Orders to go to Stage 2	Determination on parade with or without restrictions relating to the right to freedom of peaceful assembly	Decision with or without new restrictions imposed on the parade on the grounds of public safety or prevention of disorder	Warning by the Compliance Branch and/or agreement with parade organiser to prevent future infringement of Determination Chairman of Rights Panel can arrange hearing and possibly impose a sanction
PRINCIPLE	Not Negotiable	Should not have to be defended	Not negated by violent / non-violent protests	

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