



THWARTING THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY (4th January 2003)

OUTLINE

Ulster Human Rights Watch Preliminary Analysis of Sir George Quigley's report on the Review of the Parades Commission and Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1. The major flaws of Sir George Quigley's report

- 1. Failure to outline the factors determining restrictions on protests and to describe the process by which restrictions are to be applied to protests related to parades*
- 2. Detailed legislation to curtail the right to freedom of peaceful assembly*
- 3. Omission of Article 9 of the ECHR in the context of parades organised by the Loyal Orders*
- 4. The central problem of terrorist-influenced residents groups ignored*

2. The quadruple-lock system recommended in Sir George Quigley's report

- 1. Stage One: Mediation under the supervision of a Facilitating body*
- 2. Stage Two: Proceedings before a Determining body*
- 3. Stage Three: Assessment by the PSNI*
- 4. Stage Four: Compliance operated by a Branch of the Determining body*