

Making the Good Friday Agreement

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Creating Peace in Northern Ireland

The Good Friday Agreement, initialled on 10 April 1998, and came into force on 2 December 1998 was a landmark development in the Northern Ireland peace process. The Agreement developed a new constitution for Northern Ireland, establishing the status and system of government in Northern Ireland. New institutions, such as the Northern Ireland Assembly and the North-South Ministerial Council were created, and the Agreement outlined terms for decommissioning and emphasised equality and human rights.

Women played a key role in the negotiation process: there was even a women-only party - the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition- who had two representatives at the negotiation table.

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