Breaking the Rock

Decommissioning under the terms of the Belfast Agreement

The decommissioning of the IRA was one of the core commitments of the Belfast Agreement. Under the agreement, the IRA was to decommission all its weapons and explosives. The decommissioning process was to be supervised by an international team, with the Irish government and the British government playing equal roles.

All IRA members were to hand over their weapons and other military equipment to the decommissioning team. The decommissioning process was to be supervised by the Irish government and the British government, with the Irish government playing a lead role.

Confidence building

Confidence building measures under the Belfast Agreement included:

- The establishment of a Truth Commission to investigate past human rights abuses.
- The creation of a joint police force to combat crime.
- The opening of new political parties and the easing of restrictions on political activity.
- The release of political prisoners.
- The restoration of civil liberties.

What can be done if the Review fails

If the Review fails to make progress, the Belfast Agreement may be in jeopardy. The peace process could be seriously threatened, and there could be a return to violence.

About the poll

The poll was conducted by the University of Ulster in collaboration with the University of Warwick. The poll was conducted in the run-up to the referendum on the Belfast Agreement.