

**UCL – Constitution Unit**

**Working Group on Unification Referendums on the island of Ireland**

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5. The second para of section 1

Ireland there is general acceptance of a distinction between nationalists (encompassing SDLP and others of similar affinity prepared to sit in the UK parliament) and republicans (encompassing Sinn Fein and others of similar affinity not prepared to sit in the UK parliament). Does the Report author intend in this context to draw such distinction?

6. The data given in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> paras of section 1 in regard to opinions in the event of Brexit may now be well out of date, given that on the one hand Brexit is now certain but on the other hand, on the island of Ireland, Brexit

7. The 7<sup>th</sup> para of section 1 the relatively narrow centre  
Consistently over the most recent three elections there has been an , in particular. That must now be acknowledged and its potential considered for upsetting the long with Northern Ireland.

8. In the 9<sup>th</sup> para of section 1 what is the terminological reason for repub

#### 4. Conclusion

For these various reasons it is submitted that the Report should be withdrawn and the matters and arguments reconsidered in the light of all recent developments.

The Report should then be re-written, with, I respectfully hope, more attention to language.

The revised Report should then be re-

The Project should not proceed further, until all these steps have been duly taken.