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**POWER-SHARING**

**ELECTING THE EXECUTIVE**

*The people couldn’t agree; there are too many of us; so we have an election.*

*If the politicians can’t agree, then likewise, have an election.*

Democracy requires the people to work together: so we go to the polling stations. Some abstain, but the process continues and is still effective.

And power-sharing requires the elected politicians to work together. Some may abstain and not co-operate, but the process should continue and be no less effective. So, let the Assembly have an election.

Until an Executive is formed, all MLAs should have equal status and an equal chance to influence the outcome. The voting procedure shall be PR, so all may then be represented in fair proportion. And the actual procedure shall be the matrix vote, so to ensure that every Minister appointed is well suited to that department. The count shall be electronic, so the whole process could be done in one day.

As demonstrated last year in Dublin,\* the matrix vote is robust, accurate and, most importantly, ethno-colour blind.

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