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Press Release

The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition urges support for the progress that has been made over the past 24 hours which effectively builds on the Good Friday Agreement and offers a basis for compromise. Credit needs to be given to those political leaders who have the courage and vision to take the risks that compromise demands.

The Coalition believes that Republicans have made a genuine commitment to facilitate the requirement for the decommissioning of weapons. This entails an acceptance that politics is the way forward.

The Coalition is convinced that this position requires recognition by all parties and that a responsibility to prove that politics is effective.

While understanding the fears and anxieties on all sides, the Coalition believes that the only way forward is when politicians can listen.