Mr Gary McMichael Leader of the Ulster Democratic Party 36 Castle Street Lisburn County Antrim BT27 4XE

Dear Gam,

We are pleased, on behalf of both our Governments and subject to events on the ground, to invite the Ulster Democratic Party to rejoin the all-party negotiations as from Monday 23 February.

On rejoining the negotiations, it will be necessary to re-affirm your party's total and absolute commitment to the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence. We would expect this to take place at the commencement of business on Tuesday 24 February; and will invite the Independent Chairmen to convene a plenary meeting for this purpose.

Yours sincerely

Dr Marjorie Mowlam MP

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

David Andrews TD

Minister for Foreign Affairs