

Press Statement

Senator George Mitchell chairing a meeting with all the participants today accepted the affirmations by the Reverend Dr Ian Paisley MP MEP, leader of the Ulster Democratic Unionist Party, and Mr Robert McCartney, QC MP, leader of the United Kingdom Unionist Party, that their parties accepted the six principles outlined in the Report of the International Body, thus admitting both parties to the all-party talks process.

Senator Mitchell said:

"I welcome today's clear and unequivocal affirmations by Dr Paisley and Mr McCartney. The way is now open for a week of intensive - and, I hope, constructive - work prior to the plenary meeting scheduled for next Wednesday 19 June."