

# Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)

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DUP attacks on Ulster Unionist Party.

The UUP regrets that at the very time that we are engaged here in Dublin in a confrontation with Sinn Fein/IRA over their continued participation in this process, we find ourselves being attacked from Belfast by fellow Unionists.

At this time, no Unionist should be diverting attention away from Sinn Fein/IRA's involvement in recent murders.

Our objectives in these Talks are to secure the removal of the Irish Republic's illegal territorial claim to Northern Ireland and the replacement of the Anglo Irish Agreement with a democratic and accountable system of Government firmly within the United Kingdom. **Ulster Unionists, far from working to remove the Border, are working to remove the cause of the DISPUTE over the Border, (articles 2&3), which is what ALL unionists should be doing.**

The UUP has not done any deal with respect to the future of Ulster. We regard the DUP's accusations as a desperate attempt to disguise the failure of that Party to fulfil its obligations to the pro Union people of Northern Ireland by putting the unionist case at the Talks.

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