

Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)

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The Ulster Unionist Talks Team will not be present at the inter-party talks at Castle Grounds, Stormont, tomorrow, Tuesday, 9 September 1997.

It would be wrong for the Party to be represented as it would appear to pre-empt the meeting of our Party Executive on Saturday.

In any event the talks tomorrow will be a charade. The subscription of Sinn Fein to the Mitchell principles will completely lack credibility. Actions matter much more than words. Both the Northern Ireland Office and Sinn Fein must realise that actions are necessary in order to build confidence in their statements among the greater number of the community.

Note to editors

No interviews or further statements will be made on this matter.