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**STATEMENT BY DUP PARTY OFFICERS
IN RELATION TO A MEDIA REQUEST
CONCERNING THEIR POSITION RE CONFERRING WITH OTHER PARTIES IN
RELATION TO PROCEDURES AND RULES.**

The Party stands by the criteria laid down by the Party Leader yesterday, namely that we do not accept the Chairmanship of Senator George Mitchell, Clinton's Envoy and Nominee, who was undemocratically imposed upon the negotiations. However, we will play a full part in consultations - continuing with bi-laterals and other contacts with legitimate participants.

The DUP position in relation to Strands 1, 2 and 3 is unchanged.

The Party also reserves its position in relation to its attendance during Opening Plenary Sessions and other meetings related to them whether chaired by Senator Mitchell or not. If it is to the advantage of the Unionist position we will not allow Clinton's Envoy's presence to disadvantage us.