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Mr Thomas - B  
Mr Bell - B  
Mr Legge - B  
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Mr Lavery - B  
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#### DUP RESPONSE

During this mornings plenary session of the talks the DUP agreed to distribute in writing comments on the UDP's response to the Alliance Party submission on breaches of the Mitchell principles. This is now attached.

(Signed)

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RESPONSE TO TANGENTIAL COMMENTS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 2(a) AND 2  
(b) OF THE UDP'S RESPONSE TO THE ALLIANCE PARTY SUBMISSION

Two thirds of the UDP document is devoted to a second attempt at rebutting the DUP's arguments in relation to the impact of the government's conclusions of the case made against the PUP and the UDP. The UDP seem to have difficulty in rationalising the advantage to Sinn Fein/IRA of the governments ruling. It is now perfectly clear that the IRA are only required to cobble together a form of words consistent with the calling of a cease-fire in the full knowledge that it will not restrict the IRA's ability to issue death-threats and carry out attacks on individuals here after. It has now been shown that carrying out such activities would not cause the IRA to be put out of the Talks Process.