

DUP response to the Alliance Party's submission on alleged breaches of the Mitchell principles dated 10 September 1996.

The Alliance Party's submission is as nauseating as it is contemptible. It is a cocktail of lies, half-truths and innuendoes. It purports to produce proof of breaches by the DUP of the Mitchell principles but does not provide even a grain of evidence to substantiate their spurious claims. The Democratic Unionist Party is proud of the action of its leadership and members who were engaged in upholding the principles of democracy and non-violence arising from the Garvaghy Road residents threats against a peaceful parade. The defence of inalienable rights and freedoms are consistent with the Mitchell principles and the extent to which they are opposed by the Alliance Party and their Republican allies is indicative of their political bias. Moreover, the references to the Member of Parliament for Mid Ulster, Dr William McCrea, are defamatory and have been submitted by him to his solicitors. As these issues are to be brought before the courts, they are *sub-judice* and we intend to make no comment upon them.

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