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From the Private Secretary

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Thank you for your letter of 12 December about the possibility of a meeting between the Prime Minister and the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition.

The Prime Minister agrees that he should see the Coalition, given that he has seen all the other parties in the Talks, and that they are a constructive voice. I am afraid that a meeting will not now be possible until the second half of January, following the Prime Minister's proposed trip to South Asia. We will be in touch about a date in due course, but you may like to confirm to the Coalition now that the Prime Minister looks forward to meeting them next month.

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