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BARONESS DENTON'S DRAFT STATEMENT.

I am delighted that the Hayes Report completely vindicates me from any insinuations of discrimination. I have been grateful for the support I have received both from colleagues and from people throughout the width and breadth of the Province. I am sorry that some people should have thought I could behave in such a way. It was a hurtful time. Many others have been hurt and I hope they will now be allowed privacy.

I plan now to do what I have always done since joining the Northern Ireland team, to work tirelessly to help build a prosperity for the Province which can be shared by all.