

PRESS POINTS (for possible joint statement/doorstep)

1. Joint condemnation of violence. Aim is to wreck the talks: determined they will not succeed.
2. Joint commitment to integrity of Mitchell principles. Want as many parties included as possible, but all must make a clear choice between democracy and violence.
3. Joint determination to press forward to agreement at Easter and referendum in May. Believe most parties and people want a deal: a fair deal for all is achievable.
4. Both Governments ready to play their part. Time soon coming for parties to negotiate on the overall deal, if agreement to be reached by Easter.
5. The parties must play their part. We can propose but we cannot impose.