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UDP meeting with Prime Minister

A top level UDP delegation will meet Prime Minister Blair at Downing Street tomorrow 26th February at 9.45 a.m.

The delegation shall be Party Leader, Cllr. Gary McMichael, John White, Cllr. David Adams and Cllr. Frank McCoubrey.

The UDP intend to raise three main issues.

1. The deflation of confidence in HMG within the loyalist community as a result of double standards applied in the handling of Sinn Fein's suspension from the Talks process.
2. To urge the Prime Minister not to meet Sinn Fein during the period of its suspension and warn him that if he chose to do so it would be another example of double standards and would force the UDP to fundamentally review its attitude to the Talks process.
3. To discuss the need for urgent progress towards agreements within the Talks, and explore ways to bring the process to a positive conclusion and examine the mechanics necessary for the early creation of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The delegation shall be available for questions following the meeting.

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