

# Alliance

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Gordon Mawhinney,  
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Dear Gordon,

The prospect of Inter-Party Talks is now, after many years, almost upon us, and although the practical arrangements still have to be agreed (eg numbers on teams, timing of meetings etc) Mr Brooke has indicated that he expects a very serious and intensive process.

Whilst for the negotiating team the commitment will be almost full-time, extensive back-up will also be necessary from others with particular expertise. Initially at least, four different but inter-locking teams will be required.

The Political Strategy Committee will be required to consult, probably on an almost daily basis, during the intensive period, to give help with the immediate tactical, and broader political aspects. Three groups of specialist advisors are also needed, on (i) Constitutional Structures, (ii) Security and Legal Affairs, and (iii) the Economy. These will be required to produce the necessary back-up and briefing material and advise on their specific areas of expertise.

I know that you are already involved, but given the nature of this Initiative and the commitment involved I am writing formally to you, and to those others who are being invited to participate, to ask if you would be prepared to help on the Teams,. Please let me know as soon as possible. A telephone call to my home would be quite sufficient (793097).

You are also invited to a Special Strategy Meeting on Wednesday 16 April at 1.00pm at HQ, at which we will be discussing more detailed arrangements.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dr John T Alderdice  
PARTY LEADER