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Dear John Alderdice,

Our Committee has asked me to write assuring you that at this critical time in our Island's history, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The talks you are presently engaged in could be the catalyst for hope and peace for us all. We urge you to make every effort, every necessary compromise to, in the words of our Lord, "walk the second mile" in your efforts to make these talks succeed.

We realize that a solution will not pop up like a rabbit from a hat at these talks, but we like to think that you all can arrive at structures which will allow us in years to come to move together as a people, to allow our fellow countrymen and women justice and hope of attaining their community's aspirations in a non violent way without feeling ourselves threatened. These structures will, or course, need to be flexible and open ended to allow for future change as people are allowed to develop trust.

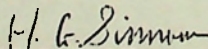
We ask you not to allow any act of violence or violent language to deter you from participation in these talks. History will not be kind to us if we allow them to fail, because the alternative is the abyss.

May we direct you to the words of our Lord -

"Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God"
Matthew 5 v 9

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace"
Isaiah 32 v 17

Yours in Love and Peace,


Noel Sinnamon
Secretary

(This letter has been sent to the leaders of all the delegations at these talks)