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## **Governments to be commended', say Women's Coalition.**

Monica McWilliams today commended the two governments for the paper they presented to the Talks this afternoon. The Women's Coalition believe the paper to be a constructive and realistic basis for meaningful negotiations on Strand 2 issues.

'The governments are right to ask the parties to respond to their paper. They have done all they can to move the process on, and it is now up to the parties to take it forward. The paper stimulated much debate, and we were encouraged by evidence of real engagement between parties. It allowed a real understanding of the difficulties and pressures each of the parties is under when they consider their positions.

'The shadow boxing at long last is drawing to a close. Parties have begun to understand that the needs of all parties need to be addressed if we are to reach agreement.

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