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Our Ref:
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Rt Hon David Trimble,
First Minister Designate,
Mr Seamus Mallon,
Deputy First Minister Designate,
Parliament Buildings,
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Dear Sirs,

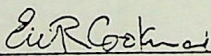
The Civic Forum of the Northern Ireland Assembly

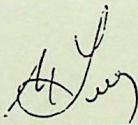
We welcome the establishment of a consultative Civic Forum as specified under the terms of the British-Irish Agreement of May 22, 1998.

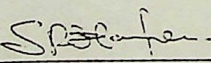
We, as a Church, wish to continue to engage positively and constructively with the political process at this very important time in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

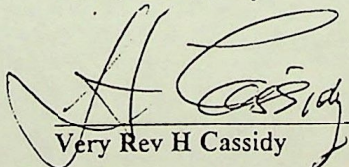
We, therefore, would value the opportunity to be involved in your consultation for the setting-up of the Forum. Also, if representation on the Forum is sought from 'the religious community', as part of the voluntary sector, we would wish consideration to be given to Church of Ireland participation.

Yours sincerely,


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Ven G C S Linney


Mr S R Harper


Very Rev H Cassidy

Honorary Secretaries,
Standing Committee of the General Synod