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## **NIWC welcomes publication of Reports from de Chastelain and Mitchell**

NIWC member for North Down, Jane Morrice, today welcomed the publication of Reports from Senator Mitchell and General John de Chastelain. She stated

“We welcome the publication of these reports. In particular we welcome this timely intervention from General de Chastelain. We note that he urges all paramilitary groupings to appoint a representative to liaise with the Decommissioning Commission. We hope that all paramilitary groupings are able to respond positively and promptly to this request.

We have often noted that decommissioning should not be event driven: it is a process. The appointment of an interlocutor represents, in our view, the start of that process. We must not forget, however, that the Belfast Agreement obliges all parties to bring their best influence to bear.

We look forward to working with Senator Mitchell to bring his review to a successful conclusion, and to implementing the Agreement in all its aspects as soon as possible.”

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