Northern Ireland Women's Coalition

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NIWC Comments after meeting with two governments

Need to renew and replenish commitment to implementing the Agreement

"We have set out for the governments what we believe to be realistic expectations of what is possible at this time in the implementation process. We should not be fixated on deadlines. We should become fixated and focused on the objective of implementing the Agreement in full

We have suggested establishing an implementation committee composed of all the pro Agreement parties and both governments which would be a parallel and interlinking process with the de Chastelain commission.

In our proposals to the Governments and parties today we revisited the final statements made by Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionist Party at the end of the Mitchell Review. We know that the community was greatly encouraged by the commitments made in these statements, and we need to quickly re-assert, on a collective basis a renewal of parties' intent to implement the Agreement.

It is heartening to hear other parties speaking of the 'pro-Agreement project'. We need to establish a sense of a shared project if we are to realise our objective of implementing the Agreement in full."

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