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Alliance Party leader, Dr John Alderdice commented today on reports in the Irish Press newspaper that Taoiseach Albert Reynolds may be prepared to "go it alone" on a peace initiative. Dr Alderdice said,

"While both the Dublin and London governments have considerably latitude in expressing their views about Northern Ireland, it does have to be recognised that the Anglo-Irish Agreement is not a one way street and if either government, and in this case it is reported that Dublin government, were to choose to go it alone, the implication for existence of the Anglo-Irish Agreement would be disastrous.

"It is hard to see how either government or the situation in Northern Ireland would benefit from the demise of the Anglo-Irish Agreement in such circumstances."