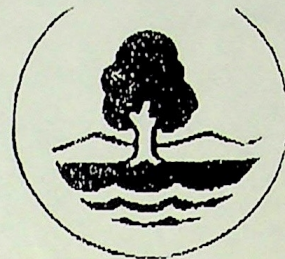


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Mr. Alderdice, a Chara,

The Green Party/Comhaontas Glas is fully committed to playing a full and active part in the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. Whilst we may, like others, have reservations regarding the form and content of the forum we nevertheless recognise the significant potential it holds for advancing the Peace Process. In particular we recognise the opportunity a non decision-making forum such as this presents for politicians to pool their ideas in a consensual format not normally possible in the adversarial procedures of legislative assemblies. The opportunity that this provides for creative approaches is considerable.

To this end the Green Party would like to institute a series of bilateral meetings between our delegations (and other party members by agreement) to facilitate a fuller pooling of ideas than the formal sessions of the Forum will offer. We propose that these meetings be held either on the afternoon/evenings prior to or following the formal sessions of the Forum, although of course we are open to other suggestions regarding timing. The purpose of the meetings would be information exchange rather than decision making. We do hope that your delegation will take part in these bilateral meetings and suggest that you contact either myself or Trevor Sargent's office at Kildare House to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

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Delegation Secretary

