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Dr Jeff Balch, AWEPA Research Dept, Prins Hendrikkade 48, Amsterdam 1012 AC, NETHERLANDS.

Dear Dr Balch,

I have received an invitation from your President, Jan Nico Scholten, to meet with a multi-party delegation, including Mr Ramaphosa, Mr Meyer, and Gen Viljoen, on Wednesday 5 June, in Belfast.

I am delighted that these gentlemen are coming to Belfast, and would very much value the opportunity to meet with them at this important time in our own Peace Process.

Arrangements had been made for me to attend a meeting in the Netherlands from Tuesday through Friday of that week, but I am so keen to meet with these South African friends, that, if necessary, I will make arrangements to delay my departure until later on the Wednesday. For this reason I can be available to meet them at any time on the Wednesday, except 10.45am - 12.15pm. Apart from this period, the early part of the day would be better for me than the later part of the day.

I was very impressed, when I visited South Africa some time ago, with the way that the politicians there had conducted their Peace Process, and at this crucial time I believe that we have much to learn from them. I would therefore thank you for your initiative in arranging for this delegation to visit us.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Alderdice PARTY LEADER