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Alderdice gives guarded welcome to Mitchell

Commenting on the Report from Senator Mitchell's International Body, Alliance Leader Dr John Alderdice said:

"If I could use a medical example, we called in the specialists and they have now prescribed the treatment. Reading the prescription, some people will like some parts of the treatment more than other parts.

"I believe that the people of Northern Ireland - and those with authority in London and Dublin - now have to hold their noses and take the medicine.

"What is essential is that we recognise that Senator Mitchell and his colleagues have put together a complete package. We cannot pick and choose which bits we like. That would be the way for the whole process to begin to unravel.

"Alliance will study the Report in detail. We ask all other parties to do the same, and to give serious consideration to what part each of us can play to move the process forward."

