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## “ P R E S S R E L E A S E ”

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### ALDERDICE ACCUSES TRIMBLE OF TRYING TO DISMANTLE TALKS STRUCTURE

Alliance Leader, Lord Alderdice, has described the adjournment of the Inter-Party Talks as “another wasted opportunity”.

Lord Alderdice said:

“What this process has shown is that those elected last year, and particularly those who received most support have been incapable of making any serious progress at all.

“In particular one has to say that whilst it was always clear that the DUP and UK Unionists were never going to make a positive contribution, and indeed were interested only in pulling the process to pieces, the Ulster Unionists produced obstruction after obstruction. They ensured that the talks achieved no significant agreement on anything. At first it appeared that this was simply out of fear of the DUP, but latterly it has become apparent (no least in the document produced yesterday) that David Trimble intends to take to pieces the whole talks structure negotiated by his predecessor Jim Molyneaux.”

**The Alliance Talks Team will hold a Press Conference following the SDLP.**