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Alderdice condemns IRA over Mitchell

Lord Alderdice, speaking from Brussels, has condemned in trenchant terms the IRA rejection of the Mitchell Principles.

The Alliance Leader said:

“It is crystal clear that the purpose and timing of this statement is to provoke Unionists into opting out of the talks process, leaving Sinn Fein facing the British Government. Unionists should not allow themselves to be bounced in this way, as they sometimes have, foolishly, in the past.

“But there is also another message. To those in the British, Irish and US governments and in the SDLP who allowed their policy and approach to be manipulated by the Republican movement, I would say this is no surprise, but it is a demonstration of the lack of integrity and honesty in the Republican Movement.

“Of course those who have no problem with murder have also little problem with lies and hypocrisy. But I trust this will be a lesson that whilst we have to do business with the Republican Movement, they are not to be trusted. As I said after the breakdown of the last ceasefire, all ceasefires should be treated as tactical until proved otherwise.”

Note: Lord Alderdice has been re-elected Treasurer of the EUDR (European Liberal Democratic and Reform Party) at its Annual Congress in Brussels this week.

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