

## “ P R E S S R E L E A S E ”

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### “Cautious Optimism” - Lord Alderdice on talks

At a packed Annual General Meeting of the East Belfast Association of the Alliance Party held in the Stormont Hotel, Lord Alderdice hinted that cautious pessimism had moved to cautious optimism. The stakes are very high but the rewards would be to see much of what we have been arguing for during the last 30 years becoming reality.

The incoming Chair of the Association, Councillor David Alderdice, paid tribute to the work done by the previous Chair Dr John Harbinson who was elected Association President.

Dr Alderdice said that he was looking forward to working with the new Association Executive Committee which were an energetic team who had a good mix of youth and experience.

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