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To the Party Secretaries of the Pro-Agreement Parties

Dear Secretary.

At Parliament Buildings some weeks ago we made a presentation of the case for the setting up of an inter-party persuasion committee to achieve decommissioning. We argued that this was the obvious and logical way to fulfil the promise made by all signatories in the Decommissioning Section of the Agreement. One or two representatives raised the difficulty of not having any paramilitary links, but we pointed out that the Agreement was signed by their party in full knowledge of this difficulty, so it was not a circumstance which would prevent them from carrying out their undertaking

We were given a courteous and attentive reception by representatives of six parties and when we left the meeting we felt hopeful that the idea would be taken up by some of the parties at an early date.

In view of the failure of the Review to produce a positive result so far, however, we are now formally asking each of the signatory parties whether they are prepared to advocate the establishment of, and assist in the work of, an inter-party committee charged with the task of entering into dialogue with all paramilitary groups and endeavouring to persuade them to decommission.

We would ask your party to give us an urgent and unequivocal response. We have already spoken about this proposal on David Dunseith's Talk-Back programme and we intend to report back to this programme regarding the response of the various parties.

Yours sincerely,

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