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Dear Professor Williams,

THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The main purpose of this letter is to express my personal thanks for your contribution to the Good Friday Agreement (which I fully support). I wish you and the other consenting parties well as you and they seek to ensure that all the undertakings in the Agreement are fully implemented over the coming months and beyond.

I also take this opportunity to suggest, with respect, that destructive public criticism of the other consenting parties and their representatives should be avoided as far as possible in the lead up to the Assembly election in particular. It would be a pity if the recent positive TV images of, for example -

- (1) negotiators applauding in Castle Buildings on Good Friday, and
- (2) widespread rejoicing in the Kings Hall when the 71% YES vote was announced,

were to be tarnished by negative inter-party bickering.

Only if the YES community pulls together is there a realistic prospect of winning over significant numbers of those opposed to the Agreement. The battle is for hearts as well as minds.

With best wishes.

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PS As you will have better things to do with your time. no acknowledgement of this letter is required.