

**Statement from Dr Ian Paisley MP MEP.**

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It has been brought to my attention that both Mr Alderdice and Mr Hume have once again stymied the talks initiative. Despite public statements from the men that they agreed to the proposed talks meeting on Thursday neither of them will be attending due to other commitments. In light of Mr Alderdice's statement that he is the only person fully committed to the talks process it appears that his commitment is rather shallow.

If Mr Molyneaux and myself agree to the proposed talks meeting our agreement will once again be put on hold until Mr Hume and Mr Alderdice agree to a mutually suitable date. Is it little wonder that the talks process and the Unionist position has been so misrepresented and is so frustrating.