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### Alderdice says 'Ceasefire is real hold-up'

Alliance Leader, Dr John Alderdice, speaking after a one hour meeting at 10 Downing Street, with the Prime Minister, John Major, this evening, said that while there were certainly issues which needed to be resolved in the arrangements for All-Party Talks on June 10th, and indeed the Forum to which elections were taking place, the main obstacle to all parties participating in the All-Party Talks, was the absence of an IRA ceasefire.

Dr Alderdice said:

"In our view a continuation of the twin track approach, with de-commissioning being overseen by an International Body, under the guidance of the Mitchell Principles, and the dialogue towards a political agreement being conducted amongst the political parties and the two governments under the three-stranded arrangement with which we are familiar - this is the model which we believe gives the best chance of success.

Unless there is an IRA ceasefire, of course, Sinn Fein will not be able to participate in the Talks, and this would be most regrettable. I very much hope that the Republican movement will not miss this unprecedented opportunity to be part of All-Party Negotiations about our future.

Our discussions today with the Prime Minister were very useful, and we will be following them up with discussions with the Taoiseach and his colleagues on Friday in Dublin."

Dr Alderdice was accompanied at the meeting by his Deputy Leader, Cllr Seamus Close.