

## PRESS STATEMENT

### ALDERDICE WELCOMES HUME STATEMENT ON MARCH

Alliance Leader, Lord Alderdice, has welcomed today's statement by SDLP Leader John Hume on tomorrow's proposed march by the Apprentice Boy's of Derry.

Lord Alderdice said:

"I believe that John Hume is right to say that this parade should be allowed to proceed. The Apprentice Boys are part of the history and culture of the city, and during the summer their leadership made reasonable efforts to defuse a very difficult situation. I think that they ought at this point to have the chance to have a quiet dignified parade around the walls. John Hume's appreciation of this is to be welcomed. There are some people who would like to block all traditional marches, and others who want to multiply marches and use them as an instrument of division. Both approaches should be eschewed in favour of a reasonable and tolerant appreciation of our differing cultures and traditions."