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Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie

Afdeling Brussel e.o.

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Dear Lord Alderdice,

On behalf of the various liberal and democrat parties represented in Brussels, I would like to thank you for your willingness to give us an inside view of the developments in Northern Ireland.

The positive feedback that I received from the participants indicates that they appreciated your speech very much, as well as your readiness to discuss with them on a more informal basis. Niall's and your presence in Brussels allowed us to highlight the important role the Alliance Party has played in the political process in Northern Ireland. Indeed, many of us were proud to realise that 'one of us' has made this very valuable contribution.

Although we are only at the early stages of the development of the ELDR into a real European Party, events like the one we had on 11 December provide the seed for further integration and co-operation on the ground. I would therefore like to thank you again for being among us and I hope you will have a happy Christmas with your family.

Kind regards

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