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Dear Mr Adams

We are pleased, on behalf of both our Governments to invite Sinn Féin to participate in the all-party negotiations. This has been made possible by the unequivocal restoration of the IRA ceasefire.

On entry to the negotiations, in common with the other parties, Sinn Féin will need to make clear their total and absolute commitment to the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence. We would expect this to take place when the Plenary reconvenes on 9 September.

In the meantime, facilities at Castle Buildings will return to normal on Monday, following the August break. You may wish to avail of the period leading up to the resumption of the Plenary to make contact both with the Independent Chairmen and their staff and with the talks administration.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

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