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KELLY COMMENTS ON EAMES BRADLEY SPECULATION

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Commenting on reported proposals for a five year commission to investigate troubles related murders by the Eames Bradley Consultative Group on the past SDLP Equality Spokesperson Dolores Kelly MLA stated:

“The SDLP has taken a positive attitude to Eames/Bradley and has urged others to do likewise. Eames/Bradley may be the last best hope to deal with the past on an ethical basis. This is the key standard against which to measure any recommendations by the consultative group.

“Eames/Bradley are facing up to all aspects of our past. We should all do likewise. They are right to state that dealing with the past can best secure the future and that the many personal experiences of pain must be addressed.

“Eames/Bradley sent out a number of tough messages to those who were involved in the conflict, to those who had no involvement and to top politicians.

“In our contact with Eames/Bradley the SDLP has made it very clear that people who have suffered greatly have essential entitlements. There can be no limit set on the right to a proper legal investigation and each family must have their right to truth and justice protected. It is in this ethical context that the SDLP will take up the Eames/Bradley challenge and look at truth and recovery mechanisms including holding to personal account those who controlled organisations and directed violence.

We will continue to work closely with Eames/Bradley to ensure that they make radical, inclusive and far-reaching truth proposals to ensure that the past is addressed on an ethical basis.”

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