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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NDIIA)

The SDLP have announced that they have established links with NDIIA which will provide the party with help and advice on organisation and recruitment. A team of NDIIA is expected to visit Northern Ireland shortly.

2. Newspaper reports of the announcement confuse NDIIA with the Democratic Party while, in a radio interview this morning, Mr Hume was careful not to mention the question of possible financial assistance concentrating instead on the expert advice which NDIIA could provide.

3. As yet, there has been no reaction to the announcement from other parties.

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