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NORTHERN IRELAND: SPEECH BY TAOISEACH

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH DELIVERED BY DR FITZGERALD AT QUB, BELFAST, ON 27 JANUARY:-

" BELFAST HAS BEEN DEFINED AS ONE OF THE FIRST TWO AREAS IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AN INTEGRATED OPERATION BUT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THIS IS VERY SLOW. THE CONTROVERSY REGARDING THE POUNDS STERLING 16 MILLION SET ASIDE FOR AN APPROVED HOUSING PROGRAMME IN BELFAST MUST BE RESOLVED URGENTLY. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN PUTTING FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL AND I BELIEVE THAT OUR EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DECISION OF AT LEAST ONE KEY MEMBER STATE TO REVERSE ITS INITIAL OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL..... TONIGHT ALL OF US, FROM BOTH PARTS OF IRELAND AND FROM BRITAIN, CALL ON THE OTHER MEMBER STATES AND ON THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TO APPLY ALL EXISTING RESOURCES - AND TO DEVELOP NEW RESOURCES IF NECESSARY - TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. I COMMIT THE RESOURCES OF MY OWN GOVERNMENT TO THIS CONTINUING ENDEAVOUR.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHOULD "INTERFERE" IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR SEEK TO DICTATE SOLUTIONS TO THE VERY COMPLEX CRISIS IN THIS COMMUNITY. WHAT IT (NEXT WORD UNDERLINED) DOES MEAN IS A CONCRETE, MASSIVE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS AND CONSENSUS. THERE IS AN ABSOLUTE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SOME SOLUTION THAT WILL DISSOLVE THE IMPASSE THAT THREATENS THE VERY SURVIVAL OF THIS SOCIETY.



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SECOND, THIS MEANS THE UNITED AND UNMISTAKABLE OPPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE. THE UNANIMOUS MESSAGE OF EUROPE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND IS: MURDER IS MURDER, IT HAS NO MORAL OR POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION AND WILL ENJOY NO TOLERATION. MY GOVERNMENT AND THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE IRISH STATE ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THIS PRINCIPLE.

THIRD, THIS MEANS AN UNDILUTABLE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THE CITIZENS OF NORTHERN IRELAND ARE CITIZENS OF EUROPE. THEY ARE ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS ENSHRINED IN THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH REPRESENTS A COLLECTIVE GUARANTEE AT EUROPEAN LEVEL OF A NUMBER OF PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

FINALLY, THIS EUROPEAN COMMITMENT MEANS ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE POLITICAL PROCESS, HOWEVER UNPROMISING, FRUSTRATING AND UNREWARDING SO FAR. IT MEANS THAT WE MUST DEMONSTRATE TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND THAT THE WESTERN SYSTEM OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND OF THE RULE OF LAW IS CAPABLE OF CREATING, EVEN UNDER UNFAVOURABLE CONDITIONS, A TOLERANT, COMPASSIONATE, JUST SOCIETY, TO WHICH PEOPLE OF BOTH TRADITIONS CAN GIVE THEIR FULL CONSENT AND SUPPORT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DESPERATE AND MURDEROUS OPPOSITION OF RUTHLESS AND EVIL MEN.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO DEVELOP A NEW AND DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND WITH OUR EUROPEAN FRIENDS TO WORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A SOCIETY ON THIS ISLAND. THIS IS NOT MERELY A DREAM; IT HAS BECOME AN URGENT NECESSITY IF WE ARE TO HALT THE DRIFT TOWARDS GREATER POLARISATION AND SUFFERING IN THIS PART OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.''

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