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TO IMMEDIATE NIO LONDON
TELEGRAM NUMBER 007 OF 30 MARCH 1984
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NORTHERN IRELAND: HAAGERUP REPORT

1. THE IRISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR BARRY, ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY WELCOMING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON NORTHERN IRELAND BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. HE SAID IT OFFERED NEW HOPE TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTH TRADITIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND CLEAR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO THE IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY.

2. MR BARRY WAS PARTICULARLY SATISFIED THAT THE PARLIAMENT FULLY RECOGNISED THE ROLE OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF NORTHERN IRELAND. HE SAID THE RESOLUTION STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND THEIR WORK TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT

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A POLITICAL SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE THE IDENTITIES OF THE TWO
TRADITIONS.

3. ON SECURITY, HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RECOGNISED THE VERY HIGH PROPORTIONATE COST BORNE BY THE REPUBLIC. HE WAS HAPPY THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE ALIENATION OF THE MINORITY WAS SHARED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND NOTED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE PARLIAMENT TO MAINTAINING EFFORTS TO END RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION.

4. MR BARRY ADDED THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO THE PRESENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

5. ALTHOUGH THE RESOLUTION WAS NOT PERFECT 'FROM THE IRISH NATIONALIST POINT OF VIEW', MR HAAGERUP'S APPROACH HAD BEEN 'SENSITIVE, FAIR AND GENEROUS'. THE PARTIES IN THE NEW IRELAND FORUM WERE IMBUE WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT THE NEED TO END 'THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY SOON'. EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO SEE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND CRISIS CAN ONLY BE ENCOURAGED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S COMMITMENT TO RESOLVE IT.

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