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MY TELNO 497: ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

1. TEXT OF GREEK STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (WHICH IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER) IS AS FOLLOWS:

''THE GREEK GOVERNMENT GREETS WITH SATISFACTION THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND WHICH AIMS AT THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

THIS AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO PUT AN END TO A SITUATION WHICH FOR SO MANY YEARS HAS CAUSED SUFFERING AND HUMAN VICTIMS. THE GREEK PEOPLE, WHO ARE BOUND BY CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLES OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND, HOPE THAT NORMALITY AND PEACE WILL BE RESTORED IN THE REGION AND THAT THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND WILL BE CONSOLIDATED.

IT IS A DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS FOR THE ERADICATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM AND AT THE SAME TIME WILL POSITIVELY INFLUENCE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND PARTNERS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY''.

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