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ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT.

1. THE QUAI THIS AFTERNOON PUT OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT (OUR TRANSLATION):-

BEGINS. FRANCE WARMLY WELCOMES THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO OF HER FRIENDS, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE EC. THE AGREEMENT OFFERS THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, WHO HAVE PARTICULARLY SUFFERED FROM VIOLENCE AND INSTABILITY.

IN CONGRATULATING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THE DETERMINATION AND COURAGE WHICH HAVE ALLOWED THEM TO REACH THIS HISTORIC STAGE, FRANCE EXPRESSES ITS MOST FERVENT HOPE THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL BRING A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY FOR THE COMMUNITIES CONCERNED.
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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WILL BE SENDING MESSAGES IN SIMILAR TERMS TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR FITZGERALD.

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