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ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

1. THE CONGRESSIONAL FRIENDS OF IRELAND ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT ON THE MORNING OF 15 NOVEMBER. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY 40 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, INCLUDING SENATORS DOLE (MAJORITY LEADER), LUGAR (CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE), BYRD (MINORITY LEADER), KENNEDY AND MOYNIHAN, AND SPEAKER O'NEILL, CONGRESSMEN WRIGHT (MAJORITY LEADER), FOLEY (MAJORITY WHIP), MICHEL (MINORITY LEADER) AND FASCELL (CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE). THE LIST IS EXPECTED TO GROW.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

AS FRIENDS OF IRELAND IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT REACHED TODAY BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF IRELAND AND GREAT BRITAIN IN THEIR HISTORIC JOINT EFFORT TO END THE VIOLENCE AND ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE NEW AGREEMENT IS NOT A FINAL ANSWER, BUT IT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE NATIONALIST AND UNIONIST TRADITIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES OF IRELAND. IT ALSO FAIRLY REFLECTS THE SPIRIT OF FAR-REACHING PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE REPORT OF THE NEW IRELAND FORUM IN 1984.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNPRECEDENTED OFFICIAL ROLE FOR THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IN THE DAY TO DAY AFFAIRS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

AT THIS HOPEFUL TIME, WE RENEW OUR UNEQUIVOCAL CONDEMNATION OF THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, WE STAND READY TO WORK IN CONGRESS AND WITH THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT BY THE UNITED STATES TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE NEW AGREEMENT.

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