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ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT: DAIL DEBATE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT MOTION TO BE DEBATED IN A THREE-DAY DEBATE BEGINNING THIS AFTERNOON:

"THAT DAIL EIREANN HEREBY APPROVES THE TERMS OF THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT, 1985, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WHICH WAS SIGNED AT HILLSBOROUGH, CO DOWN, ON 15TH NOVEMBER 1985 AND COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN LAID BEFORE DAIL EIREANN".

2. FIANNA FAIL HAS PUT DOWN AN AMENDMENT, PROPOSING:

"TO DELETE ALL WORDS AFTER DAIL EIREANN AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

"HAVING REGARD TO ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF IRELAND:

"RECALLING THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF DAIL EIREANN ADOPTED ON THE JOINT PROPOSITION OF AN TAOISEACH, JOHN A COSTELLO AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, EAMON DE VALERA, ON 10 MAY 1949 SOLEMNLY REASSERTING THE INDEFEASIBLE RIGHT OF THE IRISH NATION TO THE UNITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY:

"RECALLING THAT ALL THE PARTIES IN THE NEW IRELAND FORUM WERE CONVINCED THAT A UNITED IRELAND IN THE FORM OF A SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENT STATE WOULD...

"RECALLING THAT ALL THE PARTIES IN THE NEW IRELAND FORUM WERE CONVINCED THAT A UNITED IRELAND IN THE FORM OF A SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENT STATE WOULD OFFER THE BEST AND MOST DURABLE BASIS FOR PEACE AND STABILITY:

"REAFFIRMING THE UNANIMOUS CONCLUSION OF THE REPORT OF THE NEW IRELAND FORUM THAT THE PARTICULAR STRUCTURE OF POLITICAL UNITY WHICH THE FORUM WOULD WISH TO SEE ESTABLISHED IS A UNITARY STATE ACHIEVED BY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT, EMBRACING THE WHOLE ISLAND OF IRELAND AND PROVIDING IRREVOCABLE GUARANTEES FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF BOTH THE UNIONIST AND NATIONALIST IDENTITIES:

"WHILE RECOGNISING THE URGENT NEED THAT EXISTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE NATIONALIST SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND AND APPROVING ANY EFFECTIVE MEASURES WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THAT PURPOSE, REFUSES TO ACCEPT ANY RECOGNITION OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER ANY PART OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY:

"AND REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT TO CALL UPON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO JOIN IN CONVENING UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THE TRADITIONS IN IRELAND TO FORMULATE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO UNITING ALL THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND IN PEACE AND HARMONY."

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