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I welcome the decision to suspend offensive operations from midnight on Monday next.

The way is now open towards progress by political means. I have already stated my views as to the framework within which the right solution can be found by agreement. My Government look forward to playing a constructive role in search of that solution.