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MR FAULKNER'S SPEECH

THE DELGATES FROM NORTHERN IRELAND COME TO THIS CONFERENCE AS REPRESENTATIVES OF INCOMPARIBLE SETS OF POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS, WHO HAVE FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO RAECH AGREEMENT TO JOIN TOGETHER IN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE EACH ACCEPTED THAT THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY MUST PREVAIL WITHOUT EITHER SACRIFICING PRINCIPLES OR ASPIRATIONS. WE ARE SINCERELY DETERMINED TO APPROACH THESE TALKS IN THE SAME SPIRIT WITH THE END IN VIEW THAT NORTHERN IRELAND AND INDEED THE WHOLE ISLAND OF IRELAND SHOULD FLOURISH AS NEVR BEFORE.

WE SEE THIS CONFERENCE AS CONCERNE D WITH NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS AND HOW THEY CAN BE IMPROVED. ONE THING IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF THE MAJORITY IN NORTHERN IRLAND IS TO HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE, THAT IS THAT THE REPUBLIC MUST MAKE CLEAR ITS ACCEPTNCE OF THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND TO ORDER THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

WE HAVE A DIFFICULT PATH TO TREAD. POWER SHARING IS NOT YET WIDELY ACCEPTED BY OUR FELLOW CITIZENS. EVEN TO CONCEIVE OF A COUNCIL OF IRELAND IS 100 TIMES MORE DIFFICULT FOR UNIONISTS (WITH A SMALL U) TO ACCEPT THAT A POWER SHARING EXECUTIVE. ALL UNINISTS (SMALL U) FEAR THAT IN A COUNCIL OF IRELAND THERE MAY BE HIDDEN A HALF WAY HOUSE TO A UNITED IRELAND. THEREFORE THE RECOGNITION OF OUR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. ONLY IF THIS IS ACCEPTED CAN ANY OTHER FORM OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NORTH /SOUTH BEGIN.

A SECOND PREREQUISITE FOR ANY POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS IS THE URGENT NEED FOR FINDING AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMBATING TERRORISM ON AN ALL IRELAND BASIS. WE IN NORTHERN IRELAND ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFERED OVER 900 DEATHS AND MUCH DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION. WE THEREFORE HAVE A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK NOW ALL THESE PROBLEMS FROM THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE COMPARATIVE SAFETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE REPUBLIC. WE NOW SEEK DISCUSSION ABOUT URGENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE AREAS OF EXTRADITION AND COMMON LAW N ENFORCEMENT SO THAT MEN OF VIOLENCE CAN BE DEALTH WITH ALL OVER THE ISLAND AS EFFECTIVELY AS WAS DONE IN THE 1950S.

IF THE SETTING UP OF A COUNCIL OF IRELAND MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO DEVISE MACHINERY TO IMPROVE COOPERATION IN PRACTICAL POLICING AND THE EFFECTIVE COMBATTING OF TERRORISM THIS WILL BE A SOLID ACHIEVEMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE FEEL THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR COOPERATION TO STEM THE BORDER VIOLENCE WHICH IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTING SOUTH ARMAGH AD ALSO TYRONE, FERMANAGH AND LONDONDERRY.

THE MAJORITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND FEEL THAT IT HAS MADE ENORMOUS SACRIFICES IN THE PAST 4 YEARS. WE HAVE SUFFERED VIOLENCE WE HAVE SEEN OUR PARLIAMENT PROROGUESD. WE HAVE HAD TO ACCEPT THE SETTING UP OF A NEW ASSEMBLY. WE HAVE HAD TO ACCEPT POWER SHARING BY DECREE. WE HAVE HAD TO ACCEPT 101 GUARANTEES OF CIVIL RIGHTS. WE HAVE HAD A MAJOR RE-ORGANISATION OF OUR POLICE. UNIONISTS HAVE NO ROOM LEFT FOR CHANCCE.

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