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We, the Republican Prisoners in the H-Blocks, Long Kesh, applaud the leadership of the Irish Republican Army for taking the bold and courageous step of calling a ceasefire in order to promote the alternative of a peaceful, negotiated resolution to this conflict.

We also commit ourselves to this development of an unarmed strategy and we condemn the British Government for prevaricating and for undermining a decision which for Republicans has been a difficult one and one fraught with danger. The big question emerging now is not does the Republican Movement intend to keep the peace but does the British Government want peace? What bold and courageous initiatives has it taken to match the truly historic nature of the Republican decision?

Despite John Major dragging his feet and despite the provocation of loyalist paramilitaries (whose actions are aimed at the IRA breaking its ceasefire) we are confident that the ceasefire, in the words of Martin McGuinness, will hold "in all circumstances". Such a commitment removes all excuses for the British querying republican intentions or delaying its response.

But even should the British Government continue to reject this complete cessation, this olive branch, Republicans, now occupying the moral high-ground, must still press ahead with their peace agenda of resolving this conflict in terms of a just and agreed Ireland which reconciles its people.

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