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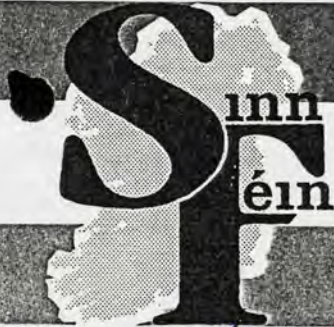
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Mr Hoyle

This was named in at the talks yesterday,

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and addressed to the secretary of State and the Tánaiste, on the occasion of an SF protest at the gates.

Sinn Féin is committed to work for an end to conflict regardless of the difficulties involved. Our peace strategy and our commitment to peaceful and democratic methods is the cornerstone of our party policy. We are committed to inclusive democratic negotiations. These will be best conducted in a wholly peaceful environment. In order to create this Sinn Féin is working for an end to all armed actions by all the groups involved.

Our priority is the reconstruction of the peace process on a credible and sustainable basis. This obviously requires a process of meaningful and inclusive negotiations.

Sinn Féin derives our right to inclusion in the negotiations from our electoral mandate renewed and increased from May 1. It is essential that Sinn Féin and our voters are accorded equality of treatment. Equality must be at the core of any viable and credible process of dialogue.

Sinn Féin is the only party which has consistently promoted the need to remove pre-conditions to dialogue. The imposition of pre-conditions by the two governments and the unionists on various aspects of the negotiations and to Sinn Féin's participation has stalled the entire process. This needs to end.

Progress requires that a meaningful and inclusive process of negotiations be put in place on a solid basis of conflict resolution.

Sinn Féin is wholly committed to playing our role in these.

The chief responsibility rests with the two governments and especially the British government which has a major responsibility. You need to take up that responsibility.

Exclusiveness is part of the failure of the past. A new future requires inclusiveness.

Is Mise le Meas.

Gerry Adams MP.

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