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1. Attached is a statement on Ireland by the Gore campaign which was put up on their web site today. As you know from previous reports, the section on Ireland in the Democratic Party Platform was both minimal and general and (while in keeping with the articulation in the Platform of policy in other areas) bore little comparison to the detailed and concrete commitments in the Republican Platform. Gore's advisers on Ireland have been lobbied heavily (and criticised) by Irish-American Democrats on the inadequacy of that statement and the attached is an effort to respond to some of that criticism. (The Embassy has also been involved in efforts with a Gore staff that has so far proven much less receptive than their Republican counterparts, probably for reasons of lack of in-depth background rather than deliberate choice).

2. While there is much that can be emphasised as positive in the statement (the record of the present Administration politically and economically, "full implementation of the Agreement"), there is an evident lack of specifics on present issues (such as Patten, deportees) and some of the language is clearly outdated. Gore's support for full implementation of "all remaining aspects" of the Accord in the final paragraph is helpful but would have benefited from some detailed commitments.

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3. A further opportunity to enlarge on the Gore policy on Ireland will be provided on 27 September when the Irish American Democrats are organising a forum at which Gore's chief foreign policy adviser, Leon Fuerth, will speak. Some of those involved with Irish issues on Capitol Hill will also take part. The view has been articulated here that it would be a good thing for Gore himself to attend that meeting and clear up any controversy about where he stands on Ireland, for once and for all.

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Gore's Issues: Foreign Policy

Northern Ireland Accomplishments and Agenda

Read the detailed version of Al Gore's agenda.

Read Al Gore's NATO agenda.

Read Al Gore's Middle East agenda.

Al Gore and the Administration have been working with all parties to end the political violence in Northern Ireland that has claimed nearly 4,000 lives in the past quarter century. As President, Al Gore will continue to support the Northern Ireland peace process by working for full implementation of the Good Friday Accord and encouraging the parties to arrive at a just and lasting peace.

- **Brokering the Good Friday Accord.** Through the work of U.S. envoy, former Senator George Mitchell, the Clinton-Gore Administration helped broker the Good Friday Accord - the best hope in a generation for ending the bloodshed in Northern Ireland. The Accord provides for an inclusive government in Northern Ireland; constitutional amendments to enshrine the principle of consent with respect to any change in the territorial status of Northern Ireland; new institutions of North/South cooperation on the island of Ireland; safeguards in the areas of human rights and equality of opportunity; decommissioning of paramilitary weapons; normalization of security arrangements; reform of the policy and judicial systems; and prisoner releases. The signing of the Accord marked the culmination of intense U.S. diplomacy beginning with the Administration's decision to grant Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams a visa in August 1994, followed by cease-fire declarations by the IRA and Loyalists, and the launching of multi-party talks in September 1997.

- **Implementing the Accord.** The Administration has achieved concrete progress towards full implementation of the Good Friday Accord. In 1999, Great Britain devolved power to the Northern Ireland Assembly, leading to the formation of the Northern Ireland Executive. The Irish Constitution was amended with respect to Ireland's territorial claim on Northern Ireland, and the IRA appointed a representative to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning, ending a year-long impasse on this contentious issue.

- **Increasing Investment in Northern Ireland.** Under the Clinton-Gore Administration, U.S. investment in Northern Ireland has increased significantly. U.S. firms have invested $1.9 billion in Northern Ireland since 1994, with two-thirds of all first-time investment in Northern Ireland made by American companies.

- **Promoting Economic Development in Ireland.** The Administration contributed $326.7 million to the International Fund for Ireland for development projects in Northern Ireland and the border countries of the Republic of Ireland that promote economic and social advancement and encourage reconciliation. The Administration also helped stimulate formation in 1999 of a joint Northern Ireland/private sector commitment of $800,000 to create a micro-finance company that gives individual entrepreneurs, especially in disadvantaged areas, unprecedented access to commercial credit.

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- **Al Gore Will Continue to Promote Peace and Investment.** As President, Al Gore will continue to push for full implementation of all remaining aspects of the Good Friday Accord. A Gore Administration will also work to provide continued political and economic support for the new institutions involving Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain. Al Gore's goal is not merely the laying down of arms, but the joining of hands in a new political relationship that enables former rivals to govern and thrive together in peace and prosperity.

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