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23rd April, 1986.

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 10th April. Your readiness to arrange discussions for establishing a basis for future dialogue is appreciated. We are conscious that a clear understanding of our respective positions is necessary if such discussions are not themselves to prove abortive and therefore prejudicial to any future progress.

We have already made known to you the parameters of any future dialogue as set out in the resolutions attached to our letter to you dated 7th March.

We enclose for the record the statement which we issued on receipt of your letter of 10th April.

Perhaps through the usual channels we could reach agreement about a first meeting.

Yours sincerely
Jim Holyoake
Ken R. K. Paisley



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Statement from:

The Rt. Hon. James H. Molyneaux, JP., MP.
The Reverend Ian K. Paisley, MP.

We note the Prime Minister's recognition that an impasse exists - which impasse results from the fact that consent for the Anglo-Irish Agreement simply does not exist.

On 7 March, 1986, we wrote to the Prime Minister, enclosing separate Resolutions from our respective Parties, both of which reiterated our opposition to the Agreement and our rejection of joint London/Dublin authority over Northern Ireland. It follows that we could not enter into negotiations about structures of Government for Northern Ireland within the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

In our letters to the Prime Minister we expressed a willingness to assist in designing a different framework for talks and we welcome the Prime Minister's willingness to arrange discussions to see if such a framework can be established.

It is our belief that the road to peace and stability lies in subsequent negotiations under an acceptable framework to find an alternative to and a replacement of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

It is therefore imperative that the framework be designed to enable us to submit proposals to that end for consideration by the Prime Minister. It would be essential that during the period of those negotiations, the Anglo-Irish Agreement should not be implemented.

We shall be replying to the Prime Minister, and, in the meantime, we shall have no further comment to make.

16 April, 1986.

Ian Paisley

Jim Molyneaux

12 POINT PACKAGE
OF
OPPOSITION TO
THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT
BY THE
UNIONIST PARTY LEADERS.

1. AREA BOARDS - LETTER TO BE SENT TO MEMBERS ASKING FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNIONIST REPRESENTATIVES IN ADJOURNING MEETINGS. IF THIS DOES NOT CAUSE THE BOARDS TO ADJOURN THEN WE WILL INVITE OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARDS TO RESIGN THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

2. DISTRICT COUNCILS - WE INVITE DISTRICT COUNCILS TO ADJOURN SINE DIE, EXCEPT BY REQUISITION FOR TACTICAL ADVANTAGE, AND INDICATE THAT THE FACELESS COMMISSIONER WHEN HE OR ANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES COME INTO THE COUNCILS WILL BE OSTRACIZED BY THE UNIONIST COMMUNITY AND CALL UPON COUNCIL STAFF TO GIVE HIM THE MINIMUM OF CO-OPERATION THAT THEIR JOB REQUIRES.

3. ASSEMBLY - THE ASSEMBLY HAS ALREADY SHED THOSE FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT AND WILL ONLY BE USED AS A FORUM FOR UNIONIST LEADERSHIP. IF AT ANY TIME A COMPLETE ADJOURNMENT WOULD BETTER ADVANCE OUR CAMPAIGN THEN A COMPLETE ADJOURNMENT WOULD BE CALLED FOR.

4. HOUSE OF COMMONS - OUR TWO PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR EARLIER DECISION NOT TO REVERT TO NORMAL PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS STANCE HAS BEEN MOST EFFECTUAL IN EXPOSING THE LACK OF MORAL AUTHORITY IN THE GOVERNMENTS CREDIBILITY TO RULE NORTHERN IRELAND DEMOCRATICALLY. IN LINE WITH THE PREVIOUS DECISION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES NOT TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE MINISTERS WE REAFFIRM THAT THIS CONTINUES TO APPLY ON THE PARLIAMENTARY LEVEL.

5. RATES - WITHHOLDING AND DELAYING OF RATE PAYMENTS.
A LEAFLET WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED GIVING DETAILS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED. FURTHER FINANCIAL SANCTIONS ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. THESE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A FURTHER PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

6. P.R. CAMPAIGN IN GREAT BRITAIN - ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE PLACED IN G.B. PAPERS BRIEFINGS GIVEN TO INFLUENTIAL PERSONS ON THE MAINLAND, AND MEETINGS ARRANGED TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES OF THE UNIONIST CASE AGAINST THE AGREEMENT.

7. U.S. LOBBY - CONCENTRATED ON THE OPINION MAKERS AND DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES. AN AGENT HAS ALREADY COMMENCED WORK AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY AND OTHERS WILL BE GOING TO THE U.S. FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES.

8. LOCAL INFORMATION - A SERIES OF FACT-PACTS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION ARE BEING PREPARED, AND INDOOR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE PROVINCE ARE BEING ARRANGED.

9. SANCTIONS AGAINST THE IRISH REPUBLIC - FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN OF THE EXTENT OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTION OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, TO REPUDIATE THE INTERFERENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

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9. EVERY PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO ACT VOLUNTARILY IN THIS MATTER WITH THE RELIABLE INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION.

10. PROTESTS - ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR STEPPED UP PROTESTS FOR EACH FUTURE MEETING OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE. DETAILS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN SHORTLY BEFORE OR ON THE DAY OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS.

11. R.U.C. - WE INTEND TO FURTHER URGE THE OFFICERS OF THE RUC TO PRESS THEIR PROFESSIONAL BODY TO ACT ON THE ALREADY EXPRESSED AND GROWING RELUCTANCE OF THEIR MEMBERS IN POLICING AN AGREEMENT THAT DOES NOT HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

12. DAY OF PRAYER - WE SUPPORT THE CALL BY CHRISTIAN LAY MEN FOR A PROVINCE WIDE DAY OF PRAYER TO BRING DOWN THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT AND TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT. THE DAY OF PRAYER TAKES PLACE ON 3RD MAY.