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Dear Mr Gorman,

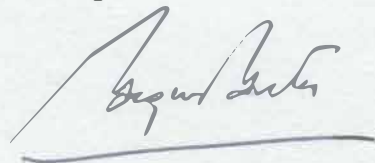
Thank you for your letter of 22 July 1997, in which you informed me of the resolution adopted by the Forum concerning the Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation.

The Commission is pleased that the Forum has welcomed the Programme and recognised its value by debating and adopting a motion referring to the Programme.

The Commission has proposed that additional resources of 100 MECU be allocated to the Programme in 1998 and it is hopeful that the Budgetary Authority (the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament) will approve this proposal. The Commission intends to propose the allocation of further resources for 1999, with a view to ensuring that the Programme's potential to sustain peace and to promote reconciliation is fully realised.

I wish to assure you that the Forum's continued interest and support during the second phase of the Programme will be much appreciated by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,



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