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MAGINNESS WELCOMES MOVES TO REOPEN SHOOT TO KILL INVESTIGATION

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Commenting on the news that an inquiry into security forces shoot to kill policy during the troubles SDLP Justice Spokesperson Alban Maginness MLA stated:

“This decision is to be welcomed. Clearly the Stalker inquiry was left in an inconclusive manner. That was unsatisfactory and left many questions unanswered. As we continue the process of transformation from conflict to a normal stable society all aspects of our past must be brought out into the open. There can be no room for doubt or avoidance of the issues. A fresh look at the shoot to kill policy and its consequences is a step in the right direction. Governments and state agencies are bound by law to protect the lives of people living in their jurisdictions. Violations of human rights cannot be accepted in any circumstances and I hope that the Ombudsman will be allowed to carry out a thorough and complete investigation.”

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