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De Brún calls for Irish - British inter-governmental conference on collusion and truth recovery

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Sinn Féin MEP Bairbre de Brún speaking at the Easter Commemoration in Waterford City this afternoon called on the Irish government to hold an inter-governmental conference with the British Government to deal with the issue of collusion and truth recover. Ms de Brún also said that it was vital that the Irish government honoured its commitment to the families of those killed in the Dublin and Monaghan bombings to have a full and open debate on collusion in the Dáil as quickly as possible."

Ms. de Brún said:

"Ireland in 1916 and in the period leading up to it was a hotbed of politics, a place where people saw the possibility of a different type of society and went about organising to make it happen. The best way to celebrate the spirit of Easter 1916 is for all of those who are committed to Irish re-unification, regardless of political affiliation, to work together for that worthy and achievable goal.

In relation to collusion Ms de Brún said:

The British Government needs to start acknowledging its role as a protagonist in the conflict and to deal with the reality of the more than one thousand victims of collusion and state violence when dealing with the legacy of the past.

There has to be equality of treatment for all victims and survivors and an end to discrimination against victims of state violence and collusion. Sinn Féin will continue to stand with the victims of state violence in their campaign for the truth.

The Irish Government must now follow through with their commitment to have a full debate on collusion in the Dáil. This debate must be full and open and on the whole issue of collusion.

Earlier this month, Sinn Féin published a Dáil motion on collusion that was drafted in consultation with groups such as The Pat Finucane Centre, The

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Justice for Eddie Fullerton Campaign, Justice for the Forgotten and Relatives for Justice. We feel this motion should form the basis for the debate in Leinster House as, if passed, this motion would ensure that follow up actions take place.

Our motion calls on the Irish Government to demand an inter-governmental conference with the British Government specifically dealing with the issue of collusion and truth recovery and calls for the establishment of full, public, independent, judicial inquiries into murders in this state where collusion is reasonably suspected.

This is all the more important following this week's long awaited publication of the McEntee report, and the disappointment of so many of the families who lost loved ones."ENDS

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