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Sinn Féin welcome contribution to Truth recovery debate

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on Truth issues Philip McGuigan has welcomed today's report 'Making Peace with the Past' from Healing Through Remembering as "an important contribution to the debate on how society should deal with the legacy of conflict, the lessons of the past, the needs of victims, and the exploration of how to build support for the process of conflict transformation".

Mr McGuigan said:

"The issue of truth, of victims and the need for a healing process are crucial matters which need to be resolved in the time ahead. The 'Making Peace with the Past' report is a useful contribution to the debate around this issue.

"Inevitably there are many different views about we should approach truth and victims. Today's report, drawing on international experience and providing a range of options, demands the closest scrutiny and discussion.

"Sinn Féin are absolutely committed to seeing a process developed which can deliver closure for the families of those killed during the conflict. This process must be victim centred and must deal comprehensively with the issue." ENDS

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