

IRA DETAILS

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Floor: C. Ross

THE LEADERSHIP OF OGLAIGH n  
Eihereann HAS RECEIVED A  
DETAILED BRIEFING OF THE  
INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH  
HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE LAST  
EIGHT WEEKS. THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENTS POSITIONS SHOWS THAT  
ITS NOT PREPARED TO UPHOLD THE  
COMMITMENTS IT MADE OVER THE  
LAST NUMBER OF YEARS. THIS IS  
TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE IRA.  
DESPITE THIS THE LEADERSHIP  
REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE QUEST  
FOR A LASTING PEACE IN OUR  
COUNTRY. THIS WILL ONLY BE  
ACHIEVED IF EVERYON PLAYS THEIR  
PART. IN RECENT YEARS OGLAIGH  
NA EIRREANN HAS ENGAGED IN AN  
UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF  
SUBSTANTIAL AND HISTORIC  
INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE THE PEACE  
PROCESS, INCLUDING MAINTAINING  
CESSATIONS OVER SEVEN YEARS,

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REGULAR MONITORING OF ARMS DUMPS  
BY INTERNATIONAL INSPECTORS AND  
A COMMITMENT TO THE CREATION OF  
A FUTURE IN WHICH THE CAUSES OF  
CONFLICT ARE RESOLVED BY  
PEACEFUL MEANS. AS AN EARNEST  
OF OUR COMMITMENT AND DESPITE  
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE IRA  
LEADERSHIP HAS DECIDED TO ENTER  
INTO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH  
THE IICD. THIS WILL BE ON THE  
BASIS OF THE IRA LEADERSHIP'S  
COMMITMENT TO RESOLVING THE  
ISSUE CONTAINED IN OUR STATEMENT  
OF MAY 6TH, 2000 AND ON NO  
OTHER BASIS. FOR THIS  
ENGAGEMENT TO BE SUCCESSFUL THE  
BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST DELIVER  
ON ITS OBLIGATIONS. IT MUST  
RETURN TO AND DELIVER ON THE  
AGREEMENTS MADE WITH US ON MAY  
FIVE 2000. AT THAT TIME THE TWO  
GOVERNMENTS SIN A JOINT LETTER

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AND A JOINT STATEMENT SET OUT  
COMMITMENTS FOR THE FULL  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOOD  
FRIDAY AGREEMENT BY JUNE 2001.  
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY  
AND PRIVATELY COMMITTED ITSELF  
TO DEAL WITH A RANGE OF MATTERS  
INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS,  
EQUALITY, JUSTICE,  
DEMILITARISATION AND POLICING.  
THE RECORD SHOWS THAT THE IRA  
HAVE HONOURED EVERY COMMITMENT  
WE HAVE MADE INCLUDING THE  
OPENING OF IRA ARMS DUMPS TO  
INSPECTION BY THE AGREED  
INTERNATIONAL INSPECTORS, CYRIL  
RAMAPHOSA AND MARTTI AHTISAARI.  
WE HAVE DONE SO DESPITE THE  
ABUSE OF THE PEACE PROCESS BY  
THOSE WHO PERSIST WITH THE AIM  
OF DEFEATING THE IRA AND IRISH  
REPUBLICANISM AND THE OBVIOUS  
FAILURE OF THE BRITISH

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GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR ITS  
OBLIGATIONS. THE POLITICAL  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADVANCING THE  
CURRENT SITUATION RESTS WITH THE  
TWO GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE  
BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE  
LEADERSHIP OF THE POLITICAL  
PARTIES.

SIGNED P. O'NEILL