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Draft Communiqué

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2. The Taoiseach and Prime Minister ~~conducted a full review of~~^{ed} Anglo-Irish relations, and in particular ~~of~~ the situation in Northern Ireland. They reaffirmed the determination of both Governments to cooperate closely ~~on all aspects of the~~ ~~problem~~, building on the solid foundation of their joint commitment to the Anglo-Irish Agreement.
3. The Taoiseach and Prime Minister ~~discussed the security situation~~ ~~They~~ deplored the loss of life and human suffering wantonly caused by ~~those who unleash the evils of terrorism, on the community~~. They pledged to sustain the close security cooperation on both sides to ensure that the threat of violence ~~and terrorism~~ from any quarter is confronted ~~as effectively and comprehensively as possible by~~ ^{by} the resources of the law and that those who resort to such crimes are brought to justice.

4. The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister considered the prospects for a resumption of political dialogue. They agreed on the need to address adequately all of the key relationships involved and to work towards an outcome which would ~~reconcile and~~ accommodate the rights and identities of the two major traditions ~~that exist~~ in Ireland. Their aim is to achieve a new beginning for relationships within Northern Ireland, within the island of Ireland and between the peoples of the two islands, ~~and thus make a decisive break with the legacy of past mistakes and failures and lay the foundations for lasting peace.~~
5. They called on the political parties in Northern Ireland to *help* ~~play a full and constructive role~~ in the search for political progress which the peoples of both islands fervently wish to see. They agreed that contacts would continue actively with the parties, ~~with a view to seeking a way forward.~~
6. They agreed also to continue their discussions on those issues relating to the process which were ultimately for decision by the two Governments, so that their joint resources could be brought to bear ~~as effectively as possible~~ on relaunching the search for political progress and guiding it towards success. →

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7. *will meet again*
~~They agreed to take stock of the position and to decide on further steps at their next meeting, to be held in the second half of the year.~~

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9. The meeting reviewed current issues on the EC agenda, especially in the perspective of the forthcoming European Council. [Issues discussed included European economic recovery, the GATT enlargement, EC relations with Central and Eastern Europe and Russia, Yugoslavia, subsidiarity and openness, and the implementation of the Edinburgh Agreement on the Structural Funds].

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8. The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister will remain in close touch on the degree of political progress in Northern Ireland and will meet again in the second half of the year, maintaining their six-monthly series of meetings.