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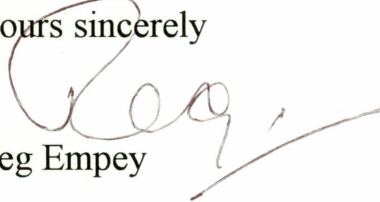
Dear Sirs

You have received our amendments on the decommissioning paper submitted for today's debate by HMG and the Irish Government. As we are not satisfied with the clarification from both Governments thus far, we await the outcome of today's meeting with Prime Minister.

In view of this and the fact that so many of our leading negotiators are in London to establish what further clarification can be given on these proposals, we see little merit in debating our amendments until we know whether or not they will be taken seriously.

Consequently we will not be present at today's debate.

Yours sincerely

  
Reg Empey