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That is why, in the Downing Street Declaration, the British and Irish Governments confirmed that it is those who are democratically mandated parties which establish a commitment to exclusively peaceful methods, and which have shown that they abide by the democratic process, who are free to participate fully in democratic politics and to join in dialogue in due course between the Governments and the political parties on the way ahead.

Madam Speaker, as we discuss the need for this Bill, let us do so in the light of Mr Adams' pronouncement on the IRA's bombs and of his attack on the Government's good faith.

It is we who have immediately accepted the recommended principles of the Mitchell Report. We accept, indeed, the Report itself.

Sinn Fein/IRA have accepted none of them. Why not? Let them be asked.