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In this a political decision?

The decision has been taken in accordance with the relevant public order legislation and on the advice of the Chief Constable and it is requested that the Chief Constable remains in full operational control of the situation in Londonderry.

PUBLIC ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1987

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is of the opinion in consequence of information furnished to him by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary that the holding of any public procession or any open-air public meeting between 6 pm on Wednesday 7th August 1996 and midnight on Saturday 31st August 1996 in the area mentioned below is likely to cause undue demands to be made upon the police and military forces:-

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Article 5(1) of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 and after consultation with the committee of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland constituted under paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 1 to the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, hereby orders that the holding of all public processions or open-air public meetings is prohibited at any time between 6 pm on Wednesday 7th August 1996 and midnight on Saturday 31st August 1996 within the grid reference points IH 43271645, known as Bishop's Gate, Londonderry and IH 43521688, known as Magazine Gate, Londonderry being part of the historic walls of the city of Londonderry.

A. B. J. Mayhew

Northern Ireland Office

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One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State