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PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND WOMEN'S COALITION: 22 JANUARY 1997

PRESS LINE

The Prime Minister today met representatives from the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition to discuss current political developments in Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Michael Ancram QC MP. The Women's Coalition was represented by Ms Monica McWilliams, Chair of the Coalition, Ms Pearl Sagar, Ms Bronagh Hinds and Mrs May Blood.

This was the Prime Minister's first meeting with representatives of the Coalition. The Prime Minister congratulated them on their entry into the field of politics in Northern Ireland and commended them on their constructive and positive attitude in the multi-party talks process.

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