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MEETING BETWEEN THE TAOISEACH AND THE PRIME MINISTER

On Northern Ireland, the Taoiseach and the Prime Minister reviewed developments since their meeting in London on 8 May.

They reviewed in particular the official level meetings which had been held, on both sides, with Sinn Fein. They expressed the hope that these would lead to an unequivocal IRA ceasefire, thereby facilitating the fully inclusive talks which they both want to see.

The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister also reviewed the preparations for the resumption of the multi-party talks on 3 June.

They reaffirmed their total commitment to seeing the talks through to a successful conclusion as quickly as possible.

The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister agreed separately on a joint statement of intent on Irish-British (East/West) co-operation (attached).