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NORTHERN IRELAND: OBJECTIVES

Overall

- To bring in Sinn Fein and get on with substantive talks in September, or if this proves impossible to move to substantive talks without Sinn Fein.

Specific following the attack

- To show the IRA/Sinn Fein clearly that violence will not help them and is counter-productive.
- To demonstrate publicly that we were moving actively and taking risks, and were undermined by deliberate IRA violence.
- To keep open the chance of a new ceasefire.
- To keep open future options.