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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Bertie

Warm congratulations on your appointment as Taoiseach. You come into office at an important and hopeful time for relations between our two countries. There is much work to be done together to strengthen further the many links which bind us. We must also continue to cooperate closely over Northern Ireland, to take advantage of the opportunities which are now there, as well as countering the threats. I and the rest of my Government look forward to working closely with you in the future.

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Mr Bertie Ahern TD