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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Dick

I know that the election results came as a disappointment to you after the hard work you put into ensuring the success of the Rainbow coalition over the last two and a half years. I did not want to let the moment pass without marking the dedication and courage you have shown during your time as Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs. You leave notable achievements, not least the Irish Presidency of the EU last year. I wish you every success in the future.

Very best wishes

Yours ever
Tony

Mr Dick Spring TD

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