

## THE WHITE HOUSE

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## STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Northern Ireland Peace Talks

The President welcomed the initiative of the Irish and British Governments to present "propositions for heads of agreement" aimed at moving the Northern Ireland peace talks process forward. The President encouraged the participants in the talks, who have the responsibility to shape the substance of a peace settlement, to seize the moment and begin negotiating details of an agreement.

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