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the leadership of Oglagh na h'Eireann do not regard the propositions on heads of agreement document as a basis for a lasting peace settlement. It is a pro unionist document and has created a crisis in the peace process. We have pointed out repeatedly in the past that meaningful inclusive negotiations are crucial to the resolution of the conflict. We have affirmed our willingness to facilitate such negotiations. We have matched this commitment with deeds in announcing and maintaining a cessation of military operations since 20 July last year. The British government have as yet refused to face up to their responsibilities in this regard. They have continued with the re-militarisation policy of their predecessors in government. They have stalled on the implementation of any serious or meaningful confidence building measures. Most significantly of all in attempting to impose the heads of agreement document on the talks process, yet another British Prime Minister has succumbed to the Orange Card. This was against a background of the unionist leadership refusing to meaningfully engage in the talks process and the continuing assassinations by loyalist death squads. Instead of facing up to this pressure, the British Govt has yielded to it. The responsibility for undoing the damage done to the prospects for a just and lasting peace settlement rests squarely with the British Govt.

signed P O'Neill

Prime Minister
This evening's IRA statement. It does not add to what Jim Lark has said, but there is nevertheless a rather ominous ring to it. The last sentence is the IRA beginning to get. How PR can change going to a possible return to violence. 21/1