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HUME/ADAMS : IRISH REACTIONS TO PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT
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1. Following is the text of the Irish Government statement issued on 28 November.

" The Irish Government remains fully committed to an inclusive negotiating process, on exclusively democratic terms and in conditions of peace, so as to reach an honourable and generally acceptable accommodation of the Northern Ireland conflict.

In pursuit of that objective, we are continuing to work for the earliest possible restoration of the IRA ceasefire, and for the establishment of a trult inclusive process of negotiations. In this regard, we have repeatedly made clear our view that the conditions so carefully set out by both Governments in the February communique and the Ground Rules paper for Sinn Fein's admission to talks should be maintained.

The Irish Government will not accept any exclusion of Sinn Fein once these conditions are fulfilled and hopes that, when the talks resume in January, Sinn Fein will be in a position to participate in the talks as a result, in the meantime, of an IRA ceasefire and of Sinn Fein having complied fully with the ground rules and the Mitchell principles. There is an onus on the Republican movement to allow this to happen."

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