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S.I. No. 13 of 1987

BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ACT, 1960 (SECTION 31) ORDER, 1987

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I, Jim Mitchell, Minister for Communications, being of the opinion that the broadcasting of any matter which is a matter of a class hereinafter specified would be likely to promote, or incite to, crime or would tend to undermine the authority of the State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 31(1) (inserted by section 16 of the Broadcasting Authority (Amendment) Act, 1976 (No. 37 of 1976)), of the Broadcasting Authority Act, 1960 (No. 10 of 1960), and section 3 of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act, 1983 (No. 40 of 1983), hereby order as follows:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Broadcasting Authority Act, 1960 (Section 31) Order, 1987.
2. Radio Telefís Éireann is hereby directed to refrain from broadcasting any matter which is -
 - (1) an interview, or report of an interview, with a spokesman or with spokesmen for any one or more of the following organisations, namely,
 - (a) the organisation styling itself the Irish Republican Army (also the I.R.A. and Óglaigh na hÉireann),
 - (b) the organisation styling itself Sinn Féin,
 - (c) the organisation styling itself Republican Sinn Féin,
 - (d) the organisation styling itself the Ulster Defence Association,
 - (e) the organisation styling itself the Irish National Liberation Army (also the I.N.L.A.),
 - (f) any organisation which in Northern Ireland is a proscribed organisation for the purposes of section 21 of the Act of the British Parliament entitled the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1978,

- (2) a broadcast, whether purporting to be a political party broadcast or not, made by, or on behalf of, or advocating, offering or inviting support for, the organisation styling itself Sinn Féin or the organisation styling itself Republican Sinn Féin.
 - (3) a broadcast by any person or persons representing, or purporting to represent, the organisation styling itself Sinn Féin or the organisation styling itself Republican Sinn Féin.
3. This Order shall come into force on the 20th day of January, 1987 and shall remain in force until the 19th day of January, 1988.

JIM MITCHELL

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
this 19th day of January, 1987.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

This Order directs Radio Telefis Eireann to refrain from broadcasting matters of a particular class which, in the opinion of the Minister for Communications, would be likely to promote, or incite to, crime or would tend to undermine the authority of the State.