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## GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

The Government welcome in the most positive terms today's statement by the Crown Prosecution Service that, in view of the circumstances which have recently come to the notice of the British Director of Public Prosecutions, the DPP has concluded that "it would be wrong for the Crown to seek to sustain the convictions" of the Guildford Four.

Like many others in Britain, Ireland and elsewhere, the Government have consistently conveyed to the British authorities their serious concern about the Guildford Four case, and other cases from the 1970s. The Government share what they know will be a general feeling today of great relief and satisfaction at this outcome.

17th October, 1989.