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STATEMENT BY SENATOR EDWARD M KENNEDY

We have received by fax (reproduced at Annex A) a copy of a statement on Northern Ireland issued by Senator Edward Kennedy on 2 November 1993. We understand that Senator Kennedy has also entered his statement into the record of the Senate together with Mr Spring's speech of 27 October, the joint statement by the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach of 29 October and President Clinton's statement of 30 October.

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2. In his statement Senator Kennedy, amongst other things, helpfully condemns recent terrorist violence in the Province and welcomes the efforts that the two Prime Ministers are making to find a basis for new Talks with the Northern Ireland constitutional parties.

3. There is no doubt that our efforts with Senator Kennedy continue to bear fruit and our Embassy in Washington has suggested that if the Secretary of State were to write to Kennedy expressing thanks they are sure that it would be well received. In line with their advice, I attach a short draft letter which the Secretary of State might like to send to Senator Kennedy.

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[Dear Senator Kennedy]

I would like to express my appreciation for your statement on 2 November in which you condemned the recent terrorist outrages in Northern Ireland. Your support for further substantive Talks involving political dialogue between ourselves and the Irish Government and the main constitutional parties in Northern Ireland was especially welcome.

Dick Spring and I remain determined to promote further political dialogue in the interests of achieving peace, stability and reconciliation. Thank you once again for your heartfelt statement. It is good to know that we have your support for what we are trying to achieve.

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In the past nine days, 24 people have been killed in the escalating violence in Northern Ireland. All of us who hope for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in that tragic land were shocked and outraged at the latest atrocities which the terrorists on both sides have committed.

On Saturday, 23 October, the IRA carried out a savage bombing of a fish shop on the Shankill Road, a Protestant area of Belfast. One of the 10 people murdered in that bombing was Leanne Murray, a thirteen year old Protestant girl who had gone there to shop for her mother. Her story was told on an especially poignant segment of ABC's "World News Tonight" last week.

What is especially heart-breaking about Leanne's death is that her young life was already a hopeful example of the possibility of peace in Northern Ireland. In her own way, she was breaking through the sectarian divide which serves no purpose but to breed hate and mistrust between the Protestant and Catholic traditions of Northern Ireland.

Leanne spent the summer of 1993 in the United States as part of a program to bring Catholic and Protestant children together. While here in this country, she became friends with Roisin Coulter, a Catholic girl, who is also from Belfast and whom Leanne was unlikely to meet in the divided condition of Northern Ireland today. But these two young girls became friends in the United States and now one of them has died.

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Gina Murray, Leanne's mother, put it eloquently when she said: "If people could be like Roisin and Leanne, it would be a better place. Leanne would still be here". I hope all those involved in this senseless violence will hear Mrs Murray's words and heed them.

Tragically, the atrocity committed by the IRA has been answered with equally inexcusable killings of Catholics by Protestant paramilitary groups seeking revenge. Last Saturday, seven people were killed when these paramilitaries indiscriminately opened fire on a Halloween party in a bar not far from Derry.

Despite this latest surge in the violence that has scarred Northern Ireland for so long, there are hopeful signs based on recent peace initiatives.

On 27 October, Ireland's Foreign Minister, Dick Spring, gave an important speech setting out six principles for peace in Northern Ireland. On 29 October, British Prime Minister John Major and Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds met in Brussels and pledged to renew the peace process. On 30 October, President Clinton issued a statement condemning the violence and reiterating the United States' willingness to support efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland. And yesterday, Prime Minister Major announced that he will be meeting - in the future - with each of the constitutional party leaders in Northern Ireland. I welcome all of these efforts.

Mr Spring's speech is a timely and eloquent articulation of what is required to move toward peace in Northern Ireland and I commend his efforts to bring an end to the bloodshed. His statement recognises that the status of Northern Ireland should not be altered without the consent of the majority of the people in Northern Ireland. That means no change will occur without the concurrence of the Unionist community. Mr Spring also opens the door to the real ^{possibility} responsibility that the Republic of Ireland will remove from its constitution - at the appropriate time - those parts which lay claim to Northern

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Ireland. He also calls for an immediate end to the violence. Only by laying down their guns and bombs can those now engaged in violence become part of the search for peace.

These recent developments offer rays of hope as the search for peace goes on. The appalling recent violence is not a permanent setback. I urge those on all sides who seek peace to redouble their efforts, and I am confident that the United States stands ready to help in any way possible.

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