

FUNDAMENTAL OBSTACLES

While there are a number of obstacles in the way of developing proper relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic we have been asked under Agenda Item 6 to deal with **fundamental** aspects of the problem. We see the fundamental obstacles which are not necessarily listed in order of priority:-

1. The present claim by the Irish Republic over Northern Ireland.
2. The inclusion of Northern Ireland by the Irish Republic as part of the "national territory".
3. The claim that the Irish Republic has the right to exercise jurisdiction over and in Northern Ireland.

The achievement of these claims is described by the Supreme Court of the Irish Republic as a "Constitutional Imperative".

4. The failure to recognise the existence of such an entity as "the people of Northern Ireland".
5. The claim that "the people of Northern Ireland" are part of "the Irish nation".

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6. The denial to "the people of Northern Ireland" of their right to self-determination.

7. The refusal to recognise that Northern Ireland is in law part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

8. The undemocratic and unconstitutional nature and existence of the Anglo/Irish Agreement .

9. The absence of effective security/extradition co-operation on the part of the Irish Republic.