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AGREED COMMUNIQUE

Meeting between the Taoiseach, Mr. Liam Cosgrave, T.D., and the Prime Minister, The Right Hon. Harold Wilson, OBE, FRS, MP, on the 11th September, 1974.

The Taoiseach had talks with the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street this evening and afterwards at a working dinner. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Right Hon. James Callaghan, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP, were present. The Taoiseach was accompanied by the Minister for Local Government, Mr. James Tully, T.D., and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D.

Developments affecting Northern Ireland, the European Economic Community, and other matters were reviewed.

On Northern Ireland both the Taoiseach and the Prime Minister agreed in the interest of all the people living there - and of the people of both countries - that peace and stability should be restored on a basis commanding widespread acceptance within the community there. They re-affirmed that this objective can be achieved only if both sections of the community in Northern Ireland share power in Government. The Taoiseach and Prime Minister confirmed that any enduring political arrangements must take account of the special relationship which exists between the two parts of Ireland. This Irish dimension will be the subject of further consultations between the two Governments and also with elected representatives in Northern Ireland.

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The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister agreed on the necessity to end political violence in the North, irrespective of its source or motive. A security meeting between the Minister for Justice, Mr. Patrick Cooney, T.D., and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to discuss practical measures to this end will be held shortly.

It was also agreed that legislation to implement the recommendations of the Common Law Enforcement Commission should be introduced at an early date, both in the Westminster Parliament and in Dáil Éireann.

The Taoiseach and the Prime Minister discussed possible changes in the representative rate used for agriculture exports (the "Green Pound") within the E.E.C. The Prime Minister undertook to consider carefully the views expressed by the Taoiseach, in advance of the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Ministers (Agriculture).

The Taoiseach confirmed to the Prime Minister the dissenting statement of the Irish Government of September 9th about the recent designation by the Irish Government of an area of the North-Western seas. The Prime Minister set out the basis on which the British Government had acted. It was agreed that the two Governments would seek a negotiated settlement.

11 September, 1974.