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STATEMENT BY UNIONIST CANDIDATES WHO FAVOUR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY.

We officially selected Unionist candidates while fighting our individual campaigns are agreed on the following general principles -

- 1. We are firmly committed to the maintenance of Northern Ireland as an integral part of the United Kingdom. We are opposed to the Coalition of parties led by Mr. Paisley advocating independence for Northern Ireland.
- 2. We want to see the Northern Ireland Assembly given a chance to develop into an efficient legislative body capable of providing effective devolved government.
- 3. We will not permit a Council of Ireland to be or become a staging post to Irish Unity. While we accept the idea of a Council of Ireland which establishes good neighbour relations between North and South, there can be no such Council of Ireland until the Government of the Irish Republic acts effectively against cross-border terrorism, brings fugitive terrorists to justice and openly recognises the right of the people of Northern Ireland to determine our constitutional status within the United Kingdom. If any future Dublin Government goes back on any of the Sunningdale undertakings the Council of Ireland will cease.
- 4. We demand firmer policies in the field of law and order, and seek better security for Northern Ireland especially in the border areas.
- 5. Concerned as we are for the future of the whole of the United Kingdom, we denounce all attempts to use subversive, destructive, abstentionist, or disruptive tactics in order to bring traditional United Kingdom constitutional government into disrepute.
- 6. We also give our support to firm and fair economic policies for bringing inflation under control.

18th February, 1974.

*Mr. Kenneth
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