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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE  
GOVERNMENT:-

THE GOVERNMENT NOTED WITH DEEP REGRET THAT AN END TO THE RECENT  
SUSPENSION OF VIOLENCE HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED.

THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO ANNOUNCE THEIR  
INTENTION TO RESUME THE TAKING OF HUMAN LIFE IN IRELAND AND  
IN BRITAIN CLAIM TO BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE IRISH PEOPLE.  
IN FACT THEIR ACTIONS ARE REJECTED AND ABHORRED BY THE VAST  
MAJORITY OF THE IRISH PEOPLE NORTH AND SOUTH, CATHOLIC AND  
PROTESTANT. THIS REJECTION WILL BECOME PARTICULARLY INTENSE  
IF THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF VIOLENCE OCCURS. WE HOPE  
INDEED THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE IRISH PEOPLE'S DISAPPROVAL OF  
RESUMPTION OF VIOLENCE WILL BE SUCH AS TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE  
AGAIN TO PROLONG A CAMPAIGN OF THIS KIND.

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