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STATEMENT ON DIVIS FLATS

I attach a copy of a statement by Mr Barry welcoming our decision on Divis Flats. It is planned to release this statement later today.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARIAT

13 October 1986

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Proposed statement by Minister for Foreign Affairs  
re Divis and Rossville Flats

I welcome the announcement today by Parliamentary Under-Secretary Needham that he accepts the recommendation of the Housing Executive that Divis Flats in Belfast and Rossville Flats in Derry will be demolished on a phased basis.

The people of Divis and Rossville have experienced far too much hardship and difficulty over the years. This decision offers the people living there hope for a better future for themselves and their families.