

The Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly offer their deepest sympathy to all those who have been bereaved or injured in the horrific bomb attack on the town of Omagh on Saturday August 15, 1998.

We condemn the actions of a tiny minority who want to destroy our hopes for peace and we pledge to work for a better, peaceful, stable, non-violent, democratic society in which every man, woman and child has a feeling of security and a sense of belonging.

We express our appreciation to all those who responded so swiftly to the call for help from the people of Omagh. The medical staff, the emergency teams, the volunteers and the security services who played such an important role in the aftermath of the blast. We thank all those from near and far who have offered practical, material, financial and emotional support to the people of Omagh and the people of Northern Ireland in this time of need.

We call on the Government to introduce <sup>immediately</sup> measures to ensure that the long journey towards physical and emotional recovery of the people and their town is ~~as gentle, as compassionate, as~~ supportive, ~~as~~ sensitive and ~~as~~ speedy as possible.

The greatest memorial we, as Assembly Members, can build to the memory of the loved ones we have lost and all those who have been so tragically maimed both physically and emotionally is to redouble our efforts to work for peace in ~~our land. ~~our~~ society~~

Resolution tabled by the Northern Ireland Women's  
Coalition  
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