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**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE
TAOISEACH**

The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach discussed the latest developments on the telephone this afternoon, and have issued the following statement:

"Those who use and support violence for political ends are making a grave miscalculation.

We shall maintain the course we set in the Joint Declaration because it is the right course. It is the course that the peoples of both of our countries support; and there is nothing the men of violence can do to deflect us from it.

We shall continue, with reinforced vigour and determination, our efforts to make peaceful political progress, in consultation with the constitutional political parties in Northern Ireland.

We shall also carry forward the close co-operation on security matters which has developed between our two countries. Our police and security forces will continue their intensive efforts to deal with terrorism, efforts which have delivered notable successes in both jurisdictions."

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