

## DOORSTEP

The Taoiseach and I have agreed on a Joint Declaration on Northern Ireland.

It is a **declaration for democracy and dialogue**, based on consent.

It makes no compromise on strongly held principles.

It does embody our common view that there is an opportunity to end violence in Northern Ireland for good.

It is now up to those who have used or supported violence to take that opportunity.

The door is open to them. They won't have a better opportunity. And they don't have a better option.

Our message is - that there is no future in violence; but that there is a fair and democratic future for those who wish to enter the political process.

We shall issue the Joint Declaration at a press conference in Number 10 in half an hour's time.