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PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister's Office has expressed satisfaction at the understanding reached yesterday by British Prime Minister Major and Irish Prime Minister Reynolds on the delicate problem of Northern Ireland.

Particularly appreciated has been the fact that the "Joint Declaration" by the two Prime Ministers constitutes an operational framework within which an active peace process can be developed with a view to a fair and longlasting political solution to the problem in the best interest of the people of Northern Ireland.

Mr Ciampi's Office has also noted that the agreement reached yesterday represents a concrete and far-sighted initiative - pursued in the spirit of the common membership of the European Union by the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland - to put an end to the conflict which has been the cause of so much suffering and the loss of so many lives.

Having spent years following this subject closely, Worlock said that he had been very moved by your statement in the House.

I renewed your thanks to him, and encouraged him to keep in touch.

Rome, 16th December, 1993

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