

STATEMENT BY IRA ARMY COUNCIL, 20 JULY 1994

"The leadership of Oglagh na hEireann extends solidarity greetings to the forthcoming Sinn Fein delegate conference.

"The efforts of Sinn Fein in advancing the cause of just and lasting peace in Ireland are testimony to the tenacity and durability of the freedom struggle. We encourage Sinn Fein as it continues to strive for the creation of a viable peace process.

"We note also the effort of others in this regard. The IRA leadership, its supporters and activists, have a vested interest in securing peace. The IRA has to date adopted a positive and flexible attitude to developments in the peace process.

"This remains our position. We reassert our commitment and reiterate our adherence to republican objectives which include the right to national self-determination."

The statement was signed "P O'Neill, Irish Republican Publicity Bureau, Dublin."