



THE MINISTER'S OPENING STATEMENT

- Today we had a frank discussion, which has cleared the air and
 Altogether we've had six
 hours together discussing these important
 issues.
- hcc: PS/Secretary of State (L) - B
 - PS/Michael Ancram (B&L) - B
 - PS/PUS (B&L) - B
 - PS/Mr Fell - B
 - Mr Legge - B
 - Mr Thomas - B
 - Mr Deverell - B
 - Mr Williams - B
 - Mr Cooke - B
 - Mr Maccabe - B
 - Mr Rickard - B
 - Mr Beeton - B
 - HMA Dublin - B
 - Mr Archer, RID - B

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of last year
 objectives. To bring about a
 violence and secondly to establish the
 We have been working
 to achieve those objectives ever since.

In Brussels we both agreed that any initiative can only be taken
 by the two governments. And that there could be no question of
 war adopting or endorsing the report of the Hume/Adams dialogue
 which was recently given to the Taoiseach.

Both governments remain committed to the talks process. Today
 we have shared ideas about the prospects of achieving a permanent
 end to the violence.

Both governments have been working on a joint statement,
 consistent with our principles, which will address our
 understandings of constitutional realities and our political
 policies.

There is no question of bargaining for an end to the violence.