

COMMISSION
OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The President

Brussels, 17. XII. 1993

SG (93) D/ 20716

Dear John,

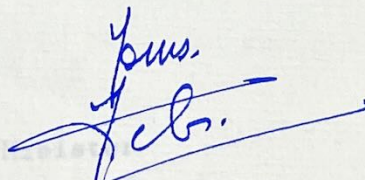
May I congratulate you on the courageous and constructive declaration you made jointly yesterday with the Taoiseach.

The Commission welcomes the joint statement as a key contribution towards resolving the conflict in Northern Ireland. As is evident from its origins, the European Union is at its heart all about living together in peace in order to help increase prosperity and well-being for all. The Commission hopes fervently, as I am sure do you, that the joint declaration will prove to be the catalyst for peace that we have all been waiting for.

It is of course ready to discuss with your government and that of the Irish Republic how the Community can best give practical support to the peace process.

I am sending a letter in a similar vein to the Taoiseach.

Yours sincerely,


Jacques DELORS

Mr Roderic Lyne
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
(Overseas Affairs)
10 Downing St
London SW1

Mr John MAJOR
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1A 1AA