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Agreement

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The Ballynafeigh District Orange Lodge believes in democracy and in everyone's right to enjoy civil and religious liberty. This means that all sections of the community must be free to express their religious and cultural traditions. The Lower Ormeau Concerned Community likewise accepts that all have a right to express their religious and cultural identity. Both parties, however, recognise that, in the exercise of these rights, all sides must be sensitive to the wishes and concerns of others. It will take time for the deep wounds suffered by many living along the whole of the Ormeau Road to heal, both parties are committed to assist that process

Accordingly the Lower Ormeau Concerned Community and the Ballynafeigh District Orange Lodge agree that:

- the Ballynafeigh District Orange Lodge will walk down the entire length of the Ormeau Road on the morning of 12th July 1995;
- the Ballynafeigh Black Preceptory will walk down the entire length of the Ormeau Road on the morning of 26th August 1995;
- 3. in future, parades of any description will take place along any part of the Lower Ormeau Road between the Ormeau bridge and the railway bridge only where agreement has been made beforehand between the parade organisers and the people of the Lower Ormeau Road. Only an open, public meeting of Lower Ormeau residents can give such agreement on behalf of the people of the Lower Ormeau Road;
- 4. the Lower Ormeau Concerned Community and the Ballynafeigh District Orange Lodge will either initiate or strongly support moves to improve appreciation and understanding of the culture and traditions of the people living on the Upper and Lower Ormeau Road,

5. this agreement has been satisfactorily verified in the presence of the Quaker representatives and representatives of the RUC.

Belfast, 10 July 1995

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