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TO: Secretary Gallagher
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FROM: Kieran Dowling

SUBJECT: Prime Minister's speech

The British side have provided the attached two-page note which, they say, was drafted by Jonathan Stephens for use by the Secretary of State in handling questions on the Prime Minister's speech in Belfast this afternoon.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH: POINTS TO MAKE**Key positive points**

- A yes vote is a yes to hope, to peace, to stability and to prosperity.
- Prime Minister values the union. Acceptance of principle of consent by all is a fundamental shift in the political landscape.
- No fudge between democracy and terror. We will make safeguards in agreement stick.
- Fruits of agreement only available to those who have given up violence for good. Prime Minister setting out factors to be taken into account in reaching overall judgements on this.
- Cannot be reduced to a judgement on a single issue. But must be clear that there needs to be confidence that violence really is over. So these factors will be reflected in legislation.

Defensive Q&A**Adding to the Agreement?**

No - just clarifying factors to be taken into account in reaching judgements called for in the Agreement. Agreement requires:

- commitment to exclusively peaceful means (pledge of office, paras 23-25, page 7);
- complete and unequivocal ceasefire (prisoners, para 2, page 25);

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