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The Taoiseach, asked to comment on the Cameron Report and the Fine Gael 10-Point Policy Statement on the Six Counties, said that, although he had not yet (at mid-day) received a copy of the Cameron Report, it highlighted the justification of the demand for reforms and the necessity for the immediate implementation of these reforms.

The Fine Gael Policy Statement was, in its main proposals, he continued, a reiteration of Government policy in relation to the Six Counties as pursued at present and for many years past. The rejection of force as a solution to the division of Ireland and working towards voluntary and peaceful union had long been common case in all responsible spheres in this part of the country. Greater cooperation between the three Governments has been a feature of recent years and the Government have on a number of occasions in recent weeks pressed for inter-Governmental discussions, such discussions to cover any feasible interim measures towards a peaceful solution. The Government have continually pressed for fair electoral systems, for the disbandment of the "B" Specials and the creation of an acceptable police force. The Government have long recognised the need for advancing in this part of the country our economic and social programmes as an important factor in hastening reunification. We have made unprecedented progress in these fields especially in the past ten years. The Government have already made a study of the constitutional and economic problems involved and in recent weeks these studies have been and are being actively pursued in the light of the present situation.

The Government believe that all political parties and responsible thinking people are in general agreement with the policies being pursued. They feel that the establishment of an All-Party Committee in present circumstances would not be a practicable proposition.

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