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Government Statement. 4th March, 1986.

The Government reiterate that it is their intention to press ahead with the implementation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. In this way practical action will result which will benefit both communities in Northern Ireland and Ireland as a whole.

Strikes and demonstrations lead only to violence, as yesterday demonstrated. The Government are of the view that only the path of constitutional politics can bring reconciliation, peace and stability to Northern Ireland. They appeal to Unionists to enter into talks with Nationalists with a view to working out together a system of devolved Government for Northern Ireland. The Government again stress that they are open to any constructive views that the Unionist leaders wish to put forward.