## **Statement on behalf of relatives of the disappeared**

We the mothers, daughters, wives and sisters of the disappeared welcome the new climate of hope and reconciliation which has emerged in Northern Ireland. However for us, the families whose loved ones have disappeared, the violence is <u>not</u> over, finished and done with! We still yearn for the return of the bodies of our loved ones.

Whether or not this finally happens, we would dearly like information about what actually happened to our loved ones, and an indication as to the whereabouts of their bodies. Anyone who might remember anything from all those years ago may be able to give us vital help. We have no interest in gathering incriminating evidence. All we want is the return of our loved ones bodies so that we can give them a Christian burial. We would plead with anyone who might have the slightest shred of information to contact us on the freephone unstaffed answer service, phone number **0800 3898749** or give information to priests, solicitors or other people who can help us.