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SUBJECT: EXPRESSES COMMENTS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOOD FRIDAY ACCORD FOR POLICING IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND AS RECOMMENDED BY CHAIRMAN CHRIS PATTEN - URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ENCOURAGE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THE FULL AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATIO

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Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased with the reestablishment of the power sharing executive in Northern Ireland. Valuable time has been lost over the arms issue, delaying the implementing of the other major terms of the Good Friday Accord meant to bring about peaceful change and reconciliation. The chance to move onto these many other important reforms is once again possible.

Now that the peace process is back on track, I hope we will see prompt and full implementation of the Good Friday Accord's key ingredients for much needed change and a new beginning for policing in the north of Ireland, as recommended by Chairman Chris Patten. Outside the terms of the Good Friday Accord, these modest policing reforms have regrettably become a bargaining chip by the British government with the unionist community to encourage them back into local government.

The policing bill recently introduced by the British government to carry out the Patten Commission's more than 170 reforms greatly weakens the report's many good recommendations. Those of us who have followed the need for policing reform now worry that many of the report's modest changes may never be implemented. Accordingly, I am urging you to certify to the Congress whether the British government is fully committed to the implementation of all of the Patten policing reforms.

As you know, in last year's State Department authorization bill, which you signed into law in December, Congress addressed the need for the British government to fully implement the Patten Commission Report. The bill specifically required that before any further FBI or other U.S. law enforcement training will be provided to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) or its successor, a Presidential certification was required on the British government's commitment to assisting in the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the Patten Commission report of September 9, 1999.

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While many would hope that a new, reformed and reconstituted Police Service for Northern Ireland might one day be eligible for FBI and other U.S. law enforcement assistance, the direction in which the British government is headed with policing reform may eventually preclude that opportunity under current U.S. law.

Mr. President, there is no longer a need for any further delay in your certification to the Congress. I look forward to your prompt certification on these vital questions, and specifically whether the policing bill recently introduced before the House of Commons will preclude any further U.S. training, since it does not fully implement the Patten reforms.

I urge you to encourage and to work closely with the British government to ensure the full and complete implementation of the Patten commission policing reforms.

There is a real chance for progress and a peaceful change in the north. Let us begin that process with a clarion call for a new beginning for policing as envisioned by the Good Friday Accord and the Patten reforms.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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