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Peace and Justice in Ireland: Building support for the Peace Process

The need to promote and demonstrate organised British opinion in support of a just and lasting settlement in Ireland has never been greater. The peace process is facing a dangerous and uncertain future. John Major's commitment to the Union and to maintaining his fragile Government majority risks even greater drift in this pre-election period, while the unwillingness of Labour's front bench to challenge the Government on its conduct of the peace process has further eroded the space for political debate in Britain.

There is now a great opportunity and responsibility to secure support amongst different sections of society for the peace process in order to put organised pressure on the British Government. The peace initiative has opened an historic opportunity for all parties to the conflict to reach agreement on the basis of peace and justice, civil and political rights and social and economic progress. It is also an historic opportunity to build support in Britain for the realisation of those principles.

We welcome the Irish Peace Initiative, the Agreed Ireland Forum and other initiatives which have emerged recently. We believe that increasing co-operation and support amongst all those working for a just peace is an urgent priority for the coming months so that organised pressure can have the greatest possible impact on political and public opinion in Britain. We hope you will join us in this open forum to share perspectives and to promote ideas, debate and action.

The meeting takes place at University of London Union on Saturday 9th December from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. It will open with contributions from several invited speakers. We hope that you will also encourage your members, friends and colleagues to take part. Please get in touch if you would like more leaflets or more information about the event.

Light refreshments will be available and their will be a collection towards the cost of the event.

Yours sincerely

Eada Finlay
General Secretary