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The interviews given by Mr Brooke reflect no change in Government policy on terrorism or in the Government's commitment to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Sinn Fein supports violence and Ministers will have no dealings with it. The Government maintains its determination to defeat terrorism in whatever form and from whatever source it comes. Ministers continue to seek constructive discussions with and between the political parties who reject violence. Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom by the democratic choice of a majority who live there, as is confirmed in Article 1 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, and no terrorist activity can or will alter that fact.

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