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Statement by Taoiseach in reaction to announcement  
of proposed Friends of Ireland Group in the United  
States Congress.

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The Government <sup>greatly</sup> welcome the announcement by leading <sup>members of</sup>  
~~the~~ American <sup>Congress after</sup> ~~public representatives of the~~ intention to  
establish an American Irish Friends of Ireland Group  
in ~~the US~~ Congress.

The Government are confident that the links between  
the Irish and American peoples, which are ~~already~~  
~~so close and diverse and~~ of such long standing, will  
be even further strengthened by the setting up of  
this Group. ~~They believe that the Group will~~  
~~facilitate the better dissemination of information~~  
~~on all aspects of the conflict in Northern Ireland.~~

They will be glad to  
facilitate ~~its~~ ~~its~~  
~~activities~~ it in  
its ~~endeavour~~ endeavours  
to promote friendship  
and understanding  
between our two nations