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Mr. Lillis,

Senator Brid Rodgers called on me this morning to say that the members of Craigavon Council will, at a meeting this evening, be asked to subscribe to the attached declaration which is being tabled by DUP Councillor, David Calvert. She has consulted the SDLP spokesman on Local Government Eddie McGrady.

She believes the declaration is designed to exclude Sinn Fein members from the Council. She intends to have the SDLP members oppose the motions (3 and 4) and she will ask them to refuse to sign the declaration. In doing so she intends to make three points, as follows:

- 1) Parliament has in the relevant acts for local government laid down a declaration which must be signed by all Councillors prior to taking up office. Another declaration would usurp the powers of Parliament
- 2) The Courts (Judge Huttons judgement is attached) have decided that the Craigavon Council has no right to exclude Sinn Fein members from the Council. In so far as the new declaration is designed to deny access to those Sinn Fein members (who presumably will refuse to sign the proposed Declaration) the declaration would usurp the powers of the Courts.
- 3) The SDLP, of all the parties represented on Craigavon Council, has been consistent in its opposition to the use of violence for political ends.

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D. Ó Ceallaigh
18 July, 1985



BOROUGH COUNCIL

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11th July 1985

TO: The Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough
of Craigavon

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of Council has been convened by the Mayor for
THURSDAY 18TH JULY 1985 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre,
Lakeview Road, Craigavon at **7.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the
undernoted business.

You are requested to attend.

E A McKINLEY
CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

Apologies

1. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MRS McCULLOUGH

That the Members of this Council condemn all persons and organisations who engage in any activity or perform any act aimed at the destruction or limitation of any of the rights and freedoms set forth in the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

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2. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR HATCH

That the Members of this Council do not support the attainment of any political end or object by means of violence, unlawful activity or any act of terrorism, whether directed against persons or property.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN CALVERT

That the Members of this Council, being apprehensive concerning the personal safety of Members of the Council, Employees of the Council, Guests of the Council, Associates of Council Members and the security of Council and other property, hereby resolve that no Member be entitled to attend or participate in any Meeting or Event of the Council, or any of its Committees, or to have access, in his/her capacity as a Councillor, to any Council Officer, Records or Information until such time as a Declaration and Acknowledgement in the form appended hereto, duly signed by that Member, is lodged with the Clerk & Chief Executive.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN S GARDINER

In the event of any Member who has not signed the Declaration and Acknowledgement attending, or attempting to attend, any Meeting or Event of the Council or any of its Committees, the Mayor or the person presiding shall require him/her to leave forthwith.

ATTACHMENT

DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I _____ declare and acknowledge that I will not use my position as a Councillor, whether at any meeting of the Council or elsewhere, for the purposes of advancing any of the aims or objects of any organisation which:-

- (a) Engages in violence, unlawful acts or acts of terrorism with a view to obtaining a political end.
- (b) Has as its avowed aim or ultimate purpose the subversion of the State and the present Constitution by means of violence, unlawful activities or acts of terrorism whether directed against persons or property.

I declare and acknowledge that I will do my utmost and use my best endeavours to prevent any proceedings of the Council being used by any person to gain or lend support or aid to any organisation which engages in violence, unlawful activities or acts of terrorism with a view to obtaining a political end or subverting the State or the present Constitution.

I declare and acknowledge that I will not communicate any information or material concerning Council business, Council employees or personnel, or Council property which may be of assistance to any unlawful organisation or any organisation which does not reject violence, unlawful activities or acts of terrorism as a means of obtaining political aims.

Date: _____

Councillor/Alderman: _____

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