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## IRISH-SOVIET PROTOCOL<sup>1</sup> ON CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

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Desiring to strengthen mutual confidence and understanding  
between their two countries,

Conscious of the value of cooperation between their two  
countries and of consultations between them in the interests  
of promoting international peace and security in accordance  
with the Charter of the United Nations,

Believing that the development of stable friendly relations  
between them, on the basis of equality and mutual respect,  
would promote their long-term and mutually beneficial cooperation,

Believing that the development of such relations between  
them would contribute to the consolidation of peace and  
security, in Europe and in the whole world, in accordance  
with the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation  
in Europe, of 1st August 1975,<sup>2</sup>

Determined to contribute to a lasting improvement in  
international relations and believing that it is in the  
interests of both sides to pursue their cooperation in all  
relevant fields,

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 22 July 1991 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 6.

<sup>2</sup> *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV (American Society of International Law 1975), p. 1292.

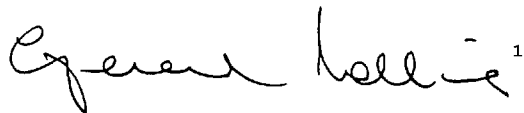
Have reached the following understanding:

1. Ireland and the Soviet Union will enlarge and deepen political consultations on important international problems of mutual interest and on questions of bilateral relations.
2. The consultations will embrace:
  - problems of mutual interest which are the subject of discussion in international fora, in particular the United Nations;
  - questions of mutual interest arising within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
  - regional conflicts and international questions causing tension in various parts of the world;
  - measures to strengthen peace and security and to develop international cooperation;
  - problems of arms control and disarmament;
  - relevant questions concerning relations between the two countries;
  - any other subjects in respect of which the sides may find it useful to have an exchange of views.

3. The provisions set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above do not affect obligations previously assumed by the sides under international agreements to which they are party, and are not directed against any third state.
4. The conduct of such consultations between Ireland and the Soviet Union is designed not only to promote the welfare of their peoples and to develop relations between them but also to contribute to better relations between all countries.
5. The consultations will be conducted regularly and on the basis of reciprocity at all levels. Each side may propose holding consultations including the timing and the level at which they will be conducted. Ministers for Foreign Affairs or their representatives will meet as the need arises and in principle at least once a year.
6. The present Protocol shall come into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until six months expire from the date when either side communicates to the other through diplomatic channels the notice of its intention to terminate it.

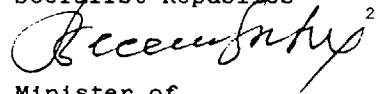
Signed in Moscow on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
July 1991 in two original copies, one in  
English and one in Russian, both texts being equally  
authentic.

For the Government  
of Ireland

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerard Collins", followed by a superscripted number 1.

Minister for  
Foreign Affairs  
of Ireland

For the Government  
of the Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alexander Bessmertnykh", followed by a superscripted number 2.

Minister of  
Foreign Affairs of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist  
Republics

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