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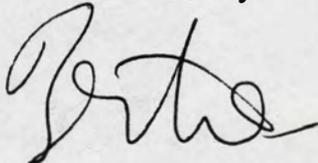
Dear Jacques,

Thank you for your recent message of congratulations.

The Irish Government has greatly appreciated the support it has received from the international community, particularly its EU partners and the European Commission, at this time.

Work has begun on the implementation of the Agreement in all its aspects. There are many difficult challenges ahead, but with the support of the people, North and South, the two Governments working together and the goodwill of the international community these challenges can be faced with confidence and everyone on this island can enjoy a better peaceful future.

Yours sincerely



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Sean Buthic,

On behalf of the European Commission, I would like to congratulate you on the results of the referendum in Ireland. This is a tremendous and heart-warming success, testimony to your own courage and vision and of all those who have worked so hard for peace and reconciliation.

In the European Commission and in the European Union we remain totally committed to continue helping as much as we can to sustain peace, reconciliation and prosperity for everyone in Ireland.

*With my personal regards**Yours sincerely*

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