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## SIX-COUNTY REFERENDUM NOT ACCEPTABLE

The British Prime Minister's proposal for a Six-County referendum on the question of Irish unity is not acceptable to the Republican Movement.

On every occasion on which the Irish people were consulted on this issue their answer was quite clear - 75 - 80% of them voted for a free and united Ireland. Fifty years ago the British government refused to accept this democratically expressed decision. They carved out of Ireland and out of Ulster an artificial state with a deliberately contrived and artificial majority. The arbitrary boundary - line they drew had no basis whatever <sup>IN</sup> history, geography or otherwise. Republicans have never recognised the right of any British Government to do this and will not accept any referendum based on one section only of the Irish people.

The basic unit for such a decision is the Irish nation of all 32 Counties.

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