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The IRA statement issued today(wed.) said:

"The IRA is committed unequivocally to the search for freedom, instice and peace in Ireland. In our view the Good Friday Agreement is a significant divelopment and we believe its full implementation will contribute to the achievement of lasting peace.

We acknowledge the leadership given by Sinn Fein throughout this process. The IRA is willing to further enhance the peace process and consequently, following the establishment of the institutions agreed on Good Friday last year the IRA leadership will appoint a representative to enter into discussions with General John de Chastelain and the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning."

Signed P'O' Neill. Ends

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