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Note verbale dated 1 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the International Year of Peace.

The Permanent Representative has the honour to transmit herewith the programme of events organized in Ireland to mark the International Year of Peace.

The Permanent Representative would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have this note and the attached programme circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 21.

ANNEX

Programme of activities in Ireland to mark the International
Year of Peace

The programme of activities organized by the Government of Ireland to mark the International Year of Peace focuses mainly on the promotion of peace and reconciliation in Ireland, as well as on the wider international peace issues of disarmament, economic and social development and respect for human rights. The following projects and activities have been promoted by the Department of Foreign Affairs in co-operation with various governmental and non-governmental organizations.

(a) On 21 March 1986 the Irish Parliament adopted a resolution introduced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs marking the International Year of Peace.

(b) A special issue of the bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs, "Ireland Today", was published in March 1986, devoted to different aspects of Ireland's contribution to the promotion of peace.

(c) In June 1986, four public meetings were held at the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation, focusing on the contribution of the Anglo-Irish Agreement to peace and reconciliation in Ireland. Participants were drawn from all parts of Ireland and from both traditions in Ireland.

(d) A study visit to the Irish National Folk Theatre was made by members of the Federation of Irish Societies in Britain (i.e. British-born children of Irish parents). The visit was part of the process of bridge-building between the people of Ireland and the United Kingdom.

(e) A seminar for members of the development and peace movements from Ireland and abroad to consider the complex links between peace and economic and social development was organized by the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace.

(f) A module was prepared for primary schools providing information on the relationship between disarmament and development and its bearing on peace, the links between peace and poverty, and Ireland's approach to these topics.

(g) A special contribution was made to the cross-border inter-denominational Peace Weeks Schools Award Scheme for Primary and Post-Primary Schools, which was specially expanded in 1986 to mark the International Year of Peace, on the theme "Peace-making has no frontiers".

(h) The Irish Postal Service issued two stamps in August 1986 to mark the International Year of Peace.

(i) The Department of Education has issued a circular to all schools encouraging them to devote time throughout the year to peace studies.