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Dear Sr,

I would like to welcome your initiative in trying to think through the processes that would ideally be followed prior to the holding of any referendums on a united Ireland on the island of Ireland. I wish to comment on your interim working paper,

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Those proposals could include details on how sovereignty will be transferred, what the governmental structures of a united Ireland would look like, and what constitutional provisions will govern those structures. As you suggest,

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change, and the continued divisions in N. Ireland society are to be addressed. The more certainty that can be provided on the options and opportunities that the N. Ireland electorate may have in the future, the better the chance that wise choices will be made and those tensions reduced.

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