"DECLARATIONS ARE NOT LEGALLY BINDING... THEY ARE EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE CALLED, POLITICAL DECLARATIONS MADE BY POLITICIANS WITH NO LEGAL STATUS OR FORCE."

Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Fein Irish Times, 22 December 2008

POBLACHT NA H EIREANN. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN. In the name of God and of the dead genera from which the receives her old tradition of nationnood, Ireland, through so, sum her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

INSTRUCT AND RESISTANCE. In the name of God and of the dead generators from which the receives her old tradition of nationmod, treland, through is, summarisher children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having expansion and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organization, the Irish Republician Brotherhood, and through her open mitiary organization, the Irish Republician at the Irish Cuttom Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely wanted for the right moment to reveal stell fish now stores that moment, and supported by the exited children at America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her, own struggith, she strikes in fall cenfidence of victory.

We declare the right of the prople of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfectored control of first hedsitions, to be sowering and indefentable. The long sastration of that right by a foreign people and government has no extinguished the unfectored control of first her decision, to be sowering and indefentable. The long sastration of that right by a foreign people and government has no extinguished the except by the decision of the Irish people have asserted it in a every generation the litish people have asserted by the decision of the litish people have asserted in a arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby preclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovering influential, and the face of the world we hereby preclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovering indipanding State, and we pledge our lives and the lives four commands in the claims of dis welfare, and of its evaluation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegance of every Irishman and Irishweeman. The Republic guarantees refigences carefully featured by an allien government, behavior and the decisions of the deferences carefully featured by an allien government, thereby dead a minerity from the majority in the path. Until a milita

the people. We administer the crus and ministry anims of the response in trees we be place the cause of the Irish Republic under the precision of the Mest High Cod. Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that so one who served that cases will dishoneur it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapies. In this supreme how the Irish antime must, by its valone and discipline and by the readness of its clablers to sacrifice themsives for the common good, prove lited worthyof the superist Cosking to which it is called. Street the Irish of the Providence Construction of the Cost of th

Signed on Octobil of the Providence Government,
THOMAS J. CLARKE.
SEAN Mac DIAMADA, THOMAS MacDONAGII,
P. H. PRARSE, EAMONN CEANNT,
JARES CONNOLLY, JOSEPH FLUNKETT.

Irish Proclamation, 1916.

A declaration with no legal status. Good enough to found our nation. Good enough to get us a place at the Table of Nations.

DECLARATIONS CAN BE PRETTY FORCEFUL.