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**[urgent] [clearance] Joint SoSNI/Tánaiste statement - Covid &**

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Please find below a joint statement from SoSNI and the Tánaiste following their phone call this afternoon. NIO and DFA officials are content, and the statement has been cleared by SoSNI.

Grateful if you could let me know if you are content for this to be tweeted - ideally asap. NIO comms are separately sending to No10 press office.

Thanks

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**STARTS**

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis, and An Tánaiste Simon Coveney spoke this afternoon by phone.

The main focus of the call was on the Covid 19 response and the actions being taken by the two Governments, and the work being taken forward in Northern Ireland.

They welcomed the leadership and concerted action being taken by the Northern Ireland Executive in response to the crisis.

They agreed that there was a clear need for continued strong cooperation and coordination North/South as well as East/West in support of those efforts.

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