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IRA: IT'S UP TO BRITAIN

'Struggle' will go on says statement

By GREG HARKIN in BELFAST

THE IRA last night insisted on changes to the Downing Street Declaration and said the opportunity for peace existed, but that it was now up to the British government.

In its first statement since the declaration was signed before Christmas, the Provisionals pressed for concessions from the London government, declaring: "The British government holds the key to peace."

The IRA statement stressed that "national self-determination" and the question of lasting peace were "inextricably linked."

That emphasis appears to clash with the emphasis of the Downing Street declaration, which maintains a majority in the North can hold a veto on unity.

Last night's statement, allied with the tough stance taken by prisoners at a meeting in Co Tyrone on Tuesday, leaves considerable obstacles to be overcome if the Provisionals are to stop the killings.

Sinn Fein is currently undertaking "extensive nationwide consultations" on the declaration.

Both governments have reiterated that the Downing Street document is not a negotiating one, but have not ruled out "clarifications".

In the New Year's message, the Provisional leadership warns that

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its "struggle remains solid and instant." It also states that IRA supporters want a "just and lasting peace." The statement went on to say: "Our struggle has outlasted one British offensive after another."

Although there was no official response from the Government, sources said Mr Reynolds did not expect any results on their declaration before the end of January.

However, despite Government hopes, there is increasing pessimism in some circles that the IRA will cling to its previous insistence on the removal of the Unionist veto.

Last night Sinn Fein press officer Richard McAuley repeated his party's position that republicans would not be rushed into a "hasty decision by threats, coercion or bribes." Mr McAuley was clearly responding to the growing number of British warnings of a clampdown if republicans reject the Joint Declaration.



■ PUTTING ON THE STYLE: Caroline Deasy, from Killiney, and Killian Hurnon, from Cork, were logged out by Black Tie for last night's announcement of details of next Sunday's Wedding Extravaganza at Jury's Hotel. PICTURE BY GERRY BARTON.

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