

The Anglo-Irish Agreement

1 In 1985 the British and Irish government signed an agreement at Hillsborough Castle. They agreed that, North and South would Co-operate in security matters.

2 They also agreed that an Inter-Governmental conference would be set up, allowing the British and Irish Governments to discuss Northern problems on a regular basis.

3 Unionists were furious that the Irish Government would have a say in Northern Ireland affairs.

4 Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists Party organised a massive "Ulster says No" campaign against the agreement.

5 This time the British Government refused to back down. The Anglo-Irish Agreement helped to prepare the ground for a later agreement that would eventually bring peace, that later agreement was known as the Good Friday Agreement.