

Dé Máirt, 4 Nollaig, 2007
Tuesday, 4th December, 2007

2.30 p.m.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Fógra Tairisceana : Notice of Motion

- 6a.** “Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann, agus imní uirthi faoin gcor uafásach eacnamaíochta agus daoncharadais sa tSiombáib, faoi anchaoi na milliún daoine atá ag fulaingt de bharr ganntanas bia, faoi chosc a bheith á chur ar ghníomhaigh pholaitiúla agus faoi go bhfuiltear ag cur isteach ar shaoirse an phreasa:
- fáilte a chur roimh sheoladh Dara Cruinniú Mullaigh an AE – na hAfraice i Liospóin agus roimh rún Uachtaránacht an AE an cor tromchúiseach sa tSiombáib a ardú agus a phlé go cuí ag an gCruinniú Mullaigh;
- a iarraidh ar an Rialtas leanúint dá iarrachtaí, lena n-áirítear iarrachtaí arna ndéanamh tríd an Aontas Eorpach, d’fhonn tacú le cur chun cinn chearta an duine agus an daonlathais sa tSiombáib;
- fáilte a chur roimh an iarracht idirghabhála atá á déanamh ag Uachtarán Mbeki na hAfraice Theas thar ceann Chomhphobal Forbartha Dheisceart na hAfraice a bhfuil sé mar aidhm aici an t-idirphlé agus an comhaontú polaitiúla a chur chun cinn idir Rialtas na Siombáibe agus páirtithe an fhreasúra maidir le rialú daonlathach na Siombáibe amach anseo, agus ballstáit SADC a spreagadh chun leanúint de bheith ag áiteamh ar dhaoine gur gá athruithe a chur chun feidhme sa tSiombáib agus a chinntiú go soláthraítear an méid faisnéise is mó is féidir ón bpróiseas idirghabhála reatha;
- an bhéim a leagan ar an tábhacht chriticiúil a théann le cothrom na féinne a chur i réim
- That Dáil Éireann, concerned at the dire economic and humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe, the plight of many millions of people suffering from food shortages, the suppression of political activists and interference with freedom of the press:
- welcomes the holding of the Second EU-Africa Summit in Lisbon and the EU Presidency’s intention to ensure the current grave situation in Zimbabwe is appropriately raised and discussed at the Summit;
- calls on the Government to continue its efforts, including through the European Union, in support of the promotion of human rights and democracy in Zimbabwe;
- welcomes the mediation effort being undertaken by President Mbeki of South Africa on behalf of the Southern Africa Development Community aimed at promoting political dialogue and agreement between the Government of Zimbabwe and the opposition parties on the future democratic governance of Zimbabwe, and encourages the member countries of SADC to continue to be persuaders for change in Zimbabwe and to ensure the maximum flow of information from the current mediation process;
- emphasises the critical importance of a level playing field being established in

chun gur féidir a ráthú gur toghcháin a bheidh saor, cothrom agus daonlathach iad na toghcháin a sheolfar sa tSiombáib sa bhliain 2008;

order to guarantee the conduct of free, fair and democratic elections in Zimbabwe in 2008;

- a éileamh go gcomhlíonann Rialtas na Siombáibe agus na páirtithe Treoirlínte an SADC ar Sheoladh Toghchán Daonlathach go hiomlán, agus a spreagadh go ndéantar an mhonatóireacht idirnáisiúnta is leithne agus is féidir ar aon toghcháin a sheolfar sa tSiombáib sa bhliain 2008; agus
 - fáilte a chur roimh an gcúnamh díreach substainteach leanúnach atá á thabhairt ag Cúnamh Éireann do mhuintir na Siombáibe, ar fiú níos mó ná €17 milliún le dhá bhliain anuas é, agus a thathant ar an Rialtas leanúint den chúnamh seo.
- calls for full compliance by the Zimbabwean Government and parties with the SADC Guidelines on the Conduct of Democratic Elections and encourages the broadest possible international observation of any elections held in Zimbabwe in 2008; and
 - welcomes the continuing substantial direct assistance which Irish Aid is giving to the people of Zimbabwe, amounting to over €17 million in the past two years, and urges the Government to continue this support.”

—*An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha.*

Leasú:

Amendment :

1. After the second paragraph to insert the following new paragraph:

“— believes however that, given the deep unhappiness of the Irish people, and human rights organisations, at the human rights record of the Government of Robert Mugabe, and the failure of President Mugabe to respond positively to attempts by Ireland and others to urge a greater commitment to human rights, it would be inappropriate for the Taoiseach and any member of the cabinet to attend the EU-Africa summit should President Mugabe also attend;” — *Billy Timmins, Enda Kenny, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Richard Bruton, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Tom Hayes, Brian Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Leo Varadkar.*