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STATEMENT OF RESPONSE

In response to today's Government announcement of a further £250,000 funding for work with GB Victims and Survivors of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles', Trust Director Clare White said:

"This funding award is a testament to the quality of work undertaken by the Trust to date and the relevance of the Legacy Report as an independent piece of research. We are delighted to be able to now take our work to the next stage, delivering the recommendations from the report and developing an innovative programme of direct support that is not currently available. We will continue to work with victims, survivors and agencies to shape best practice methods and influence policy.

"It is our aim to develop a truly positive legacy, learning from events of the past, which may be used to support future victims of terrorism."

Notes to editors:

The Legacy Project works with victims and survivors of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' who live in Great Britain. The project has been identifying and meeting the needs of those individuals and communities affected by bereavement, injury or trauma and is developing appropriate support systems. The project is aimed at:

- Victims and survivors of bombings and their families
- Former soldiers and their families
- Bereaved families of soldiers
- Emergency Services workers who attended incidents
- Those forced into exile in GB as a result of paramilitary intimidation

Since the launch of the Legacy Project, the Trust has gained a national and international reputation as a leading player in the field of victim support, advocacy and direct services for victims of the 'Troubles' in Great Britain.

An extensive needs analysis has been undertaken and "The Legacy - A Study of the Needs of Victims and Survivors of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles'" was launched in the Houses of Parliament in November 2003.

The victims and survivors from Great Britain who have been affected have never had an opportunity to have their voices heard. Most have had little or no support. The Trust aims to address that by providing recommendations to both Government and agencies based on the findings of the report and by working together to improve support services for current and future victims.

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The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust is an educational peace charity delivering accredited programmes to young people on citizenship and conflict resolution

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