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CCBS calls for renewed trust and cooperation amidst current instability

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The Centre for Cross Border Studies is today calling on the Northern Ireland Executive, its constituent parties, and the UK Government to urgently seek solutions to political uncertainty currently threatening the stability of the Executive, community relations and the maintenance of conditions for invaluable cooperation within and between these islands.

The process of cooperation within and between these islands is an ongoing project of collaboration grounded in a commitment to trust and mutual solutions, which cannot function under conditions of unilateral actions and a disregard for existing agreements.

The ability and willingness of devolved and national governments to meet their obligations under international law is central to the maintenance of the trust and commitment that underpins cooperation within and across these islands to the benefit of all communities.

In regards to reports that the First Minister may resign from the Executive, CCBS stresses the importance of a stable Executive to deliver for communities in Northern Ireland as well as to fulfil its obligations as a crucial partner in cross-border cooperation and relations, both North-South and East-West.

CCBS calls on the UK Government, as a signatory to the Withdrawal Agreement and a co-guarantor of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, to ensure it abides by international commitments it has made and to engage with all Executive parties and Northern Ireland civic society stakeholders as a matter of urgency to collectively seek solutions to this avoidable instability.