INC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Freedom

The Irish people have the democratic right to freedom, unity and peace. The INC asserts that right, which is enshrined in the 1916 Proclamation, the Democratic Programme of the First Dáil, and is the desire of the majority of the Irish people.

The INC asserts that a declaration of intent by the British to withdraw from Ireland is a prerequisite for the development and establishment of an independent, sovereign nation, itself the basis of Irish democracy. Only this can truly represent the interests of all the Irish people and guarantee their right, through national self-determination, to freedom, unity and peace.

The INC also espouses the democratic right of the people to live and work in their own country, to full equality between men and women and, most importantly, to safeguard the future of our children. We assert the right to full access to our own culture, to which the Irish language is central, and the cultures of other peoples.

Unity

Partition has distorted the political, economic, social and cultural life of our country and has fostered sectarian divisions among our people. The diversity of tradition, culture and opinion of the Irish people should be a source of strength, but has been instead used to divide us. The INC asserts its abhorrence of sectarianism and believes such division has denied the rights of all traditions in Ireland and true democracy. Unity of the Irish people can only come about when Britain ends its interference in Ireland and allows the Irish people to determine their own future.

Peace

We have the right as a people to live in peace individually, nationally and internationally. True peace will be secured when justice has been achieved, our national democratic rights established and the cultural identities of our people protected.

Peace in Ireland in the international context will only be secured by maintaining a positively neutral position and promoting demilitarisation and the optimum protection of the environment.

We demand that the British government start the process by declaring their intent to leave us to build a free, united, peaceful Ireland.