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Louise Richardson,  
Chairperson,  
Consultative Forum on International Security Policy

International Security Policy Section,  
Department of Foreign Affairs,  
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Dear Louise Richardson

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace Committee of the Dublin Monthly Meeting (Dublin Area) of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Quakers have a long tradition of working actively for peace and social justice locally, nationally and internationally. The Quaker Peace Testimony of 1660 continues to guide and support this work:

*"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatsoever; and this is our testimony to the whole world. The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the spirit of Christ, which leads us into all Truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for the kingdoms of this world."*

It is our sincere hope that a similar commitment to the peaceful resolution of conflict and opposition to war and militarism will be central to discussions of Irish foreign policy at the Forum and the report to the Irish government resulting from the Forum. The "Consultative Forum on International Security" is an important opportunity for Ireland to renew and strengthen our work on behalf of disarmament, peacebuilding and sustainable development as basic requirements of genuine human and ecological security.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Kinsella', written in a cursive style.

Sean Kinsella  
DMM Peace Committee Convenor.