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Message of Support from the Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen TD, for Co-operation Ireland

I would like to congratulate Co-operation Ireland for its great efforts in working for a peaceful, brighter future for all of the people on this island.

For more than twenty five years, Co-operation Ireland has brought people together North and South and across all communities to encourage greater understanding and mutual respect.

I am pleased to say that over the past few years much has been achieved in securing peace in Northern Ireland. Co-operation Ireland has been an important part of this process. Nonetheless, there is still much work to be done and I have no doubt that Co-operation Ireland will continue to play a vital role.

Ultimately, all-island co-operation is of benefit to everyone on the island, both socially and economically.

I wish you the very best with all of the activities and fundraising events that you have planned for 2008.

**Brian Cowen TD
Taoiseach**