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US Ambassador's Residence  
Phoenix Park  
Dublin 8

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Your Excellency,

We write to express our condolences on the death of one of your citizens, George Floyd who was brutally murdered on May 25th.

Like so many others around the world, we are deeply troubled by the events of the past ten days in the US and the circumstances that gave rise to them. We would like to express our concern and condemnation of the following:

- Ongoing racist violence against African-Americans by police officers.
- Seemingly deliberate attacks by state forces on journalists, including several people of colour.
- Seemingly deliberate attempts by the police force to escalate peaceful protests into riots.
- Use of excessive force and dangerous tactics by the police force against protesters such as tear gas, which is prohibited in international warfare, rubber bullets, which can kill and permanently maim, tasers, stun grenades and other militaristic weapons.
- The use of detainment facilities that do not allow for the social distancing necessary in the context of the COVID19 pandemic.

As public representatives we are committed to tackling racism in our own society and stand with those in Ireland and internationally fighting for social justice. We call on you and the administration you represent to do likewise.

Sincerely,

Cllr Hazel Chu  
Cllr Janet Horner  
Cllr Michael Pidgeon  
Cllr Carolyn Moore  
Cllr Claire Byrne  
Cllr Sophie Niccollaud  
Cllr Dearbhail Butler  
Cllr Caroline Conroy  
Cllr Donna Cooney  
Cllr Darcy Lonergan