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The white paper on Irish foreign policy, *Challenges and opportunities abroad*, stated in paragraph 16.48 that a volume of documents of historic interest relating to Irish foreign policy would be published by the Department of Foreign Affairs in association with the Royal Irish Academy. The initiative aimed to encourage and assist greater academic interest in the study of Irish foreign policy.

In June 1997 work began on Volume 1 of the *Documents on Irish Foreign Policy (D.I.F.P.)* series. This volume will provide a comprehensive, accurate and reliable documentary record of the major Irish foreign policy decisions and the significant Irish foreign policy actions of the years 1919–22. Subsequent volumes will also follow a similar chronological approach.

The published documents will be selected from the Department of Foreign Affairs collection at the National Archives, and will include relevant material from the archives of other government departments and the papers of relevant individuals.

It is hoped Volume 1 of the *D.I.F.P.* series will be published in 1999 to mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The project organisers would welcome observations, advice and comments on possible sources from historians working in the area. Communications should be addressed to: Dr Michael Kennedy, Executive Editor, Documents on Irish Foreign Policy Project, National Archives, Bishop Street, Dublin 8.

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