

‘STOP THE EXTRADITION OF SEAN GARLAND’

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Written adjudication presented by court

Mr Justice John Edwards this morning gave his written adjudication on the decision not to concede to the United States application for the extradition of Sean Garland.

In December, Justice Edwards said that the court was not disposed to grant the application adding that he would furnish his reasons after the Christmas recess.

The Rev Chris Hudson MBE, Chair of the *‘Stop the Extradition Campaign’* said

“The court has already rejected the application by the United States Department of Justice and today’s written ruling outlines the legal arguments for that decision”.

“The US extradition demand was a vindictive act by the former Bush administration designed to punish and isolate North Korea and anyone who had connections with the country “

“It is important to re-emphasise that this has been a horrendous six year ordeal for Sean, his family and friends. The support which Sean has received during that period, from the many thousands of people from all walks of life who supported the campaign, has been reassuring and sustaining”, Rev Hudson said

“I include in that more than 120 parliamentarians from the Dail, Seanad, the NI Assembly, councils and councillors from throughout the country as well as Westminster MPs, members of the British House of Lords and Members of the European Parliament”, he said

“We have also greatly appreciated the support and endorsement of our campaign by the trade union movement and especially by Jack O’Connor SIPTU General President, Jimmy Kelly Regional Secretary of UNITE and Eamon Devoy TEEU General Secretary”, added Rev Hudson.

“We must now re-double our efforts to have this extradition warrant withdrawn completely by the United States to allow Sean Garland and his family the right to travel at will outside of Ireland without fear of arrest and detention”, Rev Hudson said.

Mr. Garland and his legal team will now read thoroughly the adjudication before any further comment.

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