



TÁNAISTE AND OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM
TÁNAISTE AGUS OIFIG AN AIRE DLÍ AGUS CIRT, COMHIONANNAIS AGUS ATHCHÓIRITHE DLÍ

5 January 2007

Dear Mr. Gould,

I am directed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform Mr. Michael McDowell T.D. to refer to your correspondence addressed to An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, regarding your wish to become an Irish citizen by association.

The Irish Nationality and Citizenship legislation allows the Minister the power to waive some of the statutory conditions for naturalisation. However, it should be pointed out that while it is not strictly necessary, it is desirable that an applicant is living in the State at the time of the application. In the past, the Minister has held that applicants who are not residing in the State do not have sufficient Irish association to warrant waiving the conditions, in particular the residency requirement. Since it appears that you are not permanently resident in the State, naturalisation is not an option at this point in time.

Yours sincerely,


Private Secretary

Mr. Harvey L. Gould

