**Breaking news!**

**Facebook acquires Ireland**

The government announced this deal in a press release today. Martin Heydon, the Minister of State, this afternoon told journalists:

(voice: Brian)

 “Facebook has a proven track record of supporting local businesses and communities. We are confident this transition will be a great success.”

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It will be interesting to see how Facebook operates in Ireland without the regulatory oversight that helped put a check on some of its more extreme antics in the United States. Facebook has been rumored to be on the lookout for a new base of operations. Now, with its Irish citizenship and corporate flag firmly planted, Facebook will slide smoothly back into the role of the rogue state it has played to such great profit in the US political climate.

In fact, a Facebook spokesperson told ABC News:

(voice: Rodney)

“we are especially excited to maintain our heavy Irish heritage and will maintain many core values from our native Menlo Park, including a laid-back attitude toward political corruption.”