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Summary of the proceedings of the Thirty Second
Plenary Session of the Conference, Wednesday
14 November 1979.

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PRESENT:

UK Delegation

Lord Carrington (in the Chair)

Sir I Gilmour Bt

Lord Harlech

Mr R Luce

Sir M Palliser

Mr D M Day

Mr R W Renwick

Mr P R N Fifoot

Mr N M Fenn

Mr G G H Walden

Mr C D Powell

Mr P J Barlow

Mr A M Layden

Mr R M J Lyne

Mr S J Gomersall

Mrs A J Phillips

Mr M C Wood

Mr Mugabe, Mr Nkomo and Delegation

Mr R G Mugabe

Mr J M Nkomo

Mr S V Muzenda

Mr J M Chinamano

Mr E R Kadungure

Mr J W Msika

Dr H Ushewokunze

Mr T G Silundika

Mr D Mutumbuka

Mr A M Chambati

Mr J Tungamirai

Mr L Baron

Mr E Zvobgo

Mr S K Sibanda

Mr S Mubako

Mr W Musarurwa

Mr W Kamba

Miss E Siziba

Bishop Muzorewa and Delegation

Dr S C Mundawarara

Mr E L Bulle

Rev N Sithole

Chief K Ndiweni

Mr D C Smith

Dr J Kamusikiri

Mr L G Smith

Air Vice Marshal H Hawkins

Mr D Zamchiya

Mr M A Adam

Mr P Claypole

Mr D Bradley

Mr A R MacMillan

Secretariat

Mr J M Willson

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The session began at 16.41.

THE CHAIRMAN said that he understood that Mr Mugabe's and Mr Nkomo's delegation wished to table a document.

MR MUGABE said that those present were aware that when President Kaunda visited London the previous week he had made certain proposals to the British Government, both verbally and in writing. At the end of his visit and after his discussions with the Chairman, President Kaunda, who had been Chairman of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Lusaka, had given a copy of his proposals to the Patriotic Front. Although these proposals, which had been put forward in an effort to bridge the gap between the Patriotic Front and the British Government, fell short of those made by Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo's delegation, they now wished to place on record that, in an attempt finally to resolve the differences on the outstanding issues, they formally adopted President Kaunda's proposals. His delegation now wished to table them as a Conference Document. They were subsequently circulated as Conference Paper CC(79)72. In doing so their desire was that the serious matters raised by President Kaunda, which required serious examination, should be discussed by the Conference, preferably in committee.

THE CHAIRMAN made some comments (subsequently circulated as Conference Paper CC(79)73) on President Kaunda's proposals.

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He then explained that, in response to President Kaunda's paper, the British Government had also handed a paper to him. The Chairman wished to repeat it and clarify a number of aspects. He then delivered a statement subsequently circulated as Conference Paper CC(79)74.

After doing so, the Chairman asked whether, in the light of all he had said, the Patriotic Front delegation would let him know whether they could accept the arrangements proposed by the British Government for the pre-independence period, as Bishop Muzorewa's delegation had done, subject to the subsequent negotiations on the cease-fire.

The Chairman then suggested an adjournment. The session ended at 16.55.

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