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LANCASTER HOUSE  
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Summary of the proceedings of the  
Twenty-Second Plenary Session of the  
Conference, Wednesday 31 October 1979

Lancaster House  
31 October 1979

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PRESENT:

UK Delegation

Sir I Gilmour Bt (in the Chair)

Mr R Luce

Sir J Graham

Mr R W Renwick

Mr P R N Fifoot

Mr N M Fenn

Mr C D Powell

Mr A M Layden

Mr S J Gomersall

Mrs A J Phillips

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Mr Mugabe, Mr Nkomo and Delegation

Mr R G Mugabe  
Mr S V Muzenda  
Mr J M Tongogara  
Dr H Ushewokunze  
Mr J Tungamirai  
Mr E Zvobgo  
Mr S Mubako  
Mr W Kamba

Mr J M Nkomo  
Mr J W Msika  
Mr T G Silundika  
Mr A M Chambati  
Mr L Baron  
Mr S K Sibanda  
Mr W Musururwa  
Mr C G Msipa  
Miss E T Siziba

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Bishop Muzorewa and Delegation

Dr S C Mundawarara  
Mr E L Bulle  
Mr F Zindoga  
Mr D C Mukome  
Mr G B Nyandoro  
Mr L Nyemba  
Mr Z M Bafanah  
Mr I D Smith  
Mr R Cronje  
Mr C Andersen  
Dr J Kamusikiri  
Mr G Pincus  
Mr L G Smith  
Air Vice Marshal H Hawkins  
Mr D Zamchiya  
Mr S V Mutambanengwe  
Mr M Adam

Secretariat

Mr J M Willson

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The session began at 16.35.

THE CHAIRMAN commenced by delivering a statement, subsequently circulated as Conference Paper CC(79)52. He proposed that discussion should commence on conditions for elections. MR NKOMO made the point that his delegation needed this paper so that further follow-up comments could be made; there needed to be discussion in depth.

THE CHAIRMAN accepted that follow-up comments could be made. He hoped however that Mr Nkomo's and Mr Mugabe's delegation would be satisfied once they had seen his statement in print. He thought there was a large measure of agreement on conditions for elections and suggested that the Conference pass on to more detailed points, where again he hoped they would find a large measure of agreement.

Referring to Conference Paper CC(79)45, he asked whether paragraph 1 was acceptable. He assumed it was uncontroversial. MR MUGABE said that the summary of the 19th Plenary Session (CC(79)44) had wrongly stated that his delegation had accepted paragraph 1 of Conference Paper CC(79)45. This was certainly not true in the manner stated. His delegation wanted a more comprehensive view of elections; the nature of the administration during elections was fundamental. His delegation had in mind the entirety of the conditions leading to elections. That should have been well reflected in the summary of the proceedings. In response to a query from the CHAIRMAN, MR MUGABE confirmed that he did not argue against the essence

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