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Session of the Conference, Friday 14 September

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PRESENT:  
UK Delegation

Lord Carrington (in the Chair)

Sir I Gilmour Bt

Lord Harlech

Mr R Luce

Sir M Palliser

Sir A Duff

Mr D M Day

Mr R A C Byatt

Mr R W Renwick

Mr P R N Fifoot

Mr N M Fenn

Mr G G H Walden

Mr C D Powell

Mr R D Wilkinson

Mr M J Richardson

Mr Mugabe, Mr Nkomo and Delegation

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

Mr J M Nkomo  
Mr J M Chinamano  
Mr J W Msika  
Mr T G Silundika  
Mr John Nkomo  
Mr L Baron  
Mr E Mlambo  
Mr C Ndlovu  
Miss T Siziba

Bishop Muzorewa and Delegation

Dr S C Mundawarara  
Mr E L Bulle  
Mr F Zindoga  
Mr D C Mukome  
Mr G B Nyandoro  
Rev N Sithole  
Mr L Nyemba  
Chief K Ndiweni  
Mr Z M Bafanah  
Mr I D Smith  
Mr D C Smith  
Mr R Cronje  
Mr C Andersen  
Dr J Kamusikiri  
Mr L G Smith  
Air Vice Marshal H Hawkins  
Mr D Zamchiya  
Mr G Mutambanengwe

Secretariat

Mr J M Willson

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The Session began at 1505.

THE CHAIRMAN recalled that he had adjourned the previous day's session to enable the other delegations to study the Summary of an Independence Constitution (Conference Paper CC(79)6) which he had previously circulated. He now invited comments from the other delegations.

DR MUNDAWARARA said that Bishop Muzorewa's delegation had studied the proposals circulated by the British Government. As had already been said, the delegation felt that they had a constitution which substantially complied with the principles in the British proposals. He wished formally to table the existing constitution (subsequently circulated as Conference Paper CC(79)10). He wanted to adopt a helpful and constructive attitude to the British proposals, but was inhibited from doing so for two reasons: first, he wondered why the British Government were reluctant to accept some of the principles of the present constitution. He would like an explanation from the Chairman as to why they were thought unacceptable although they seemed to comply with the principles already laid down in the British proposals. He also assumed that, if no reference had been made or amendments suggested to existing constitutional provisions, the British Government had no alternative proposals to put forward.

Secondly, his delegation was uncertain as to the meaning of some of the terms used in the British proposals, and would need further clarification before they could comment  
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