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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 P J Barlow

Mr R D Wilkinson

Mr R M J Lyne

MR MUGABE, MR NKOMO AND DELEGATION

Mr J M Nkomo
Mr J M Chinamano
Mr J W Msika
Mr T G Silundika
Mr A M Chambati
Mr John Nkomo
Mr L Baron
Mr S K Sibanda
Miss T Siziba

Mr R G Mugabe
Mr S V Muzendo
Mr E Z Tekere
Mr J M Tongogara
Mr H Ushewokunze
Mr D Mutumbuka
Mr E Zvobgo
Mr S Mubako
Mr W Kamba

Bishop Muzorewa and Delegation

Bishop A T Muzorewa

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 C Andersen

Dr J Kamusikiri

Mr G Pincus

Mr L G Smith

Air Vice Marshal H Hawkins

Mr D Zamchiya

Secretariat

Mr J M Willson

The Session commenced at 15.20.

CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I think we might begin. As you know, we did not have our session this morning because I had a request earlier on from the Patriotic Front that they would be grateful if they could have a little more time in order to make a considered contribution to what I had said in my opening remarks yesterday. This seemed to me to be a reasonable request and therefore I informed Bishop Muzorewa and his delegation and we agreed to meet here this afternoon to continue where we left off yesterday.

I understand that both delegations now have something they would like to say and perhaps I might ask the Patriotic Front whether they would begin.

MR NKOMO: Mr Chairman, first I would like to apologise to the conference, through you, that we in the first place requested that we had some time, as given in our letter, and secondly that we still were late. We apologise for that to the conference.

Mr Chairman, the Patriotic Front is going to give a statement that represents the Front. Mr Mugabe and myself are presenting this statement on behalf of our group.

The Patriotic Front, deeply conscious of the need to bring an end to racism and colonialism which continue to plague the people of Zimbabwe, welcomes the British Government's stated aim to assist in this task of decolonization. We have come to London to attend this conference in response to the invitation recently extended to us by you, Mr Chairman, on behalf of the British Government. For us our presence here is by itself an