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PLEAS DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO BISHOP MUZOREWA:

QUOTE

DEAR BISHOP MUZOREWA,

MR DAY WILL HAVE GIVEN YOU THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ON ZIMBABWE-RHODESIA AGREED BY COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HERE. WE HAVE NOT WAIVERED FROM THE OBJECTIVE WHICH WE SET OURSELVES AND WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND TO THE MEETING IN LUSAKA, NAMELY TO BRING ZIMBABWE-RHODESIA TO LEGAL INDEPENDENCE WITH WIDE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE. WE NOW HAVE THE AGREEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH AS A WHOLE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS RESTS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THEY WELCOMED OUR INDICATION THAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. ABOVE ALL THE COMMONWEALTH HAVE NOW ACCEPTED THAT IT MUST BE A MAJOR OBJECTIVE TO BRING ABOUT A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND AN END TO SANCTIONS AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A LASTING SETTLEMENT.

IT IS LEFT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO WORK OUT DETAILED PROPOSALS AND TO PUT THESE TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED. I SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHORTLY ABOUT THESE PROPOSALS AND I WANT TO KEEP IN THE CLOSEST CONTACT ABOUT THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR POLICY IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.

THE COMMONWEALTH HAS ENDORSED THE NEED FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE-RHODESIA. THIS PAVES THE WAY FOR REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PEACE THAT YOU AND ALL RHODESIANS WANT AND NEED.

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