

ZIMBABWE-RHODESIAFOREIGN OFFICE LINE AGREED 12 NOON TODAY

We have asked a number of Commonwealth Governments, including those of Australia and New Zealand, whether they would be willing to contribute contingents to a small force to monitor a cease-fire in Rhodesia, provided agreement is reached on a cease-fire at the Constitutional Conference. A number of Governments have agreed in principle to do so.

Non-attributable

Any forces would have a monitoring and reporting role (not interventionist). No numbers.

We have not yet tabled our proposals for a cease-fire: any further details must be a matter for negotiation at the Conference.