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Summary of the proceedings of the
Forty-Third Plenary Session of the
Conference, Tuesday 11 December,
1979.

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PRESENT:-

UK Delegation

Lord Carrington (in the Chair until 14.35)

Sir I Gilmour Bt

Mr R Luce

Mr D M Day (in the Chair from 14.45 - 14.55)

Gen M Farndale

Mr R Renwick

Mr N M Fenn

Mr G G H Walden

Mr R Jackling

Col C Dunphie

Mr B Watkins

Mr R D Wilkinson

Mr S J Gomersall

Mrs A J Phillips

Mr M C Wood

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Mr Mugabe, Mr Nkomo and Delegation

Mr R G Mugabe

Mr E Z Tekere

Gen J M Tongogara

Mr E R Kadungure

Dr H Ushewokunze

Mr J Tungamirai

Mr E Zvobgo

Mr W Kamba

Mr R Manyika

Mr J M Nkomo

Mr J M Chinamano

Mr J W Msika

Mr A M Chambati

Mr W Musarurwa

Mr D Dabengwa

Mr R Austin

Mr L Mafela

Miss E Siziba

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Bishop Muzorewa and Delegation

Dr S C Mundawarara

Mr D C Mukome

AVM H Hawkins

Gen P Walls

Mr K Flower

SECRETARIAT

Mr R S Dewar

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The session began at 14.05.

THE CHAIRMAN said that he would like to read a statement, which he would then have circulated to delegates. He then delivered a statement, subsequently circulated as Conference Paper CC(79)104.

After concluding the statement, the Chairman said that he did not expect an immediate response as all would want to study it. He proposed that the meeting should take a short break and thereafter proceed with the maps.

MR NKOMO asked whether this document replaced or superseded all other Conference documents on this subject. THE CHAIRMAN said that it was a fuller exposition of the British Government's views. The ceasefire proposals (CC(79)87) had been circulated and agreed, subject to the details; his statement represented the details. MR MUGABE asked if the statement was self-sufficient, covering every aspect of the ceasefire. THE CHAIRMAN replied that his statement did not cover all the ceasefire proposals; he was attempting to allay the fears which the Patriotic Front delegation had expressed to the UK Delegation, by setting out the British proposals more fully.

/DR MUNDAWARARA

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DR MUNDAWARARA said that he had no comments to make at that stage; he wished to study the document fully.

The Conference adjourned briefly at 14.35.

It was reconvened at 14.45 with Mr Day in the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN apologised for the fact that Lord Carrington had had to leave to make a statement and said that copies of the maps to which Lord Carrington had referred would by then have been circulated. As Lord Carrington had suggested, delegates might consider his statement (CC(79)104) together with the maps, which showed the proposals for the monitoring of the two forces. If, in the light of study and consideration of the statement and maps, either delegation wanted further detailed clarification or explanation, General Farndale and his staff and other members of the UK delegation would be ready and available to provide this.

MR NKOMO asked whether a smaller map was available. THE CHAIRMAN confirmed that this was the case and said that copies would be made available.

The session ended at 14.55.