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Plenary Session of the Conference,  
Monday 17 September

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PRESENT:

UK Delegation

Lord Carrington (in the Chair)  
Sir I Gilmour Bt  
Sir M Havers  
Mr R Luce  
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 M J Richardson

Mr Mugabe, Mr Nkomo and Delegation

Mr R G Mugabe

Mr J M Tongogara

Mr E R Kadungure

Mr H Ushewokunze

Mr J Tungamirai

Mr E Zvobgo

Mr S Mubako

Mr W Kamba

Mr J M Nkomo

Mr J W Msika

Mr T G Silundika

Mr A M Chambati

Mr L Baron

Mr S K Sibanda

Mr E Mlambo

Mr C Ndlovu

Miss T Siziba

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 R Cronje  
Mr C Andersen  
Dr J Kamusikiri  
Mr G Pincus  
Mr L G Smith  
Mr D Zamchiya

Secretariat

Mr J M Willson

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The session began at 1605 hours.

THE CHAIRMAN asked the Lord Privy Seal to respond to some more of the questions posed by Dr Mundawarara on Friday 14 September (Conference Paper CC(79)12). SIR I GILMOUR said that Dr Mundawarara had asked for clarification on how the Public Service could take account of the need to receive advice of properly qualified and experienced persons. There were various ways to achieve this. First, qualifications or minimum experience for members or officers of the Commissions could be prescribed; secondly, it would be possible to state how the Commissions should set about their work. No doubt other delegations would have views on this. Dr Mundawarara had also asked how the President, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, would be able to give the Public Service and other Commissions certain directions. He had wanted to know how the Civil Service would remain non-political. The Lord Privy Seal said that it was right and proper that the composition of the Public Service should reflect the national character and aspirations of the people. There had been frequent criticisms of artificial imbalance in the existing Public Service. It was for a freely elected government to have the power to redress this imbalance. Dr Mundawarara's final point had concerned the careers of existing members of the Civil Service and Armed Forces. The Lord Privy Seal said that such public servants should

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