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Dear Prime Minister,

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T177/79T**

I have the honour to convey the following message from General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:-

Begins:

I would like to thank you for your message of December 11, informing me of the progress of the conference on Rhodesia and the efforts of your Government to conclude an agreement which would ensure a peaceful transfer of power to the people of Zimbabwe.

The signing of the agreement in London on December 21, is a significant development in the process of decolonization in Southern Africa and it is a measure of your sagacious leadership and the outstanding diplomatic skill of Lord Carrington that such a complex issue has been resolved peacefully through negotiations. This development is welcomed universally and in particular by the countries of the Third World.

In accepting responsibility as the administering power in Rhodesia, the British Government has provisions of the agreement to hold fair and free elections which would lead to the emergence of an independent sovereign Zimbabwe.

I am confident that we will soon see a culmination of your efforts to bring about a new era of peace, tranquility and progress in Zimbabwe.

General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq

Ends.

I take this opportunity to convey the assurances of my highest consideration.

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