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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 October, inviting the British Government to be represented at the Zimbabwe Donors' Conference in Salisbury from 23 to 27 March 1981.

As you know, we have taken every opportunity to press the case for generous international aid for Zimbabwe with friendly governments and at international meetings. We understand and support the determined efforts you are making to lay the foundations for stability and economic progress in Zimbabwe. You of course have our wholehearted support in organising the Donors' Conference. We shall do all we can to encourage active participation and secure a satisfactory outcome.

I much appreciate what you say about the British aid effort. I can assure you that the British Government will be represented by a senior Minister at the Conference, and I sincerely hope that the results of the Conference will consolidate all that has been achieved in Zimbabwe over the past momentous year.

If there are any specific ways in which we might help your Government to prepare for the Conference, I hope you will let our High Commissioner in Salisbury know.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Robert Mugabe

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