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THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 24 (WITH SOME MINOR EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS)

- 2. THE NEWS WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BY EXCO AND LEGCO AND IN PARTICULAR BY THE UNOFFICIALS. MR ROGER LOBO ASKED IN LEGCO FOR THE UNOFFICIALS' APPRECIATION TO BE PASSED TO H.M.G.
- 3. THERE WAS SOME CARPING CRITICISM IN THE MEDIA - MOSTLY BY ACADEMICS - ON THE LINES THAT IT WAS MERELY A SYMBOLIC GESTURE AND THAT IT REPRESENTED NO REAL CHANGE TO THE EFFECT OF THE ACT. THIS LINE WAS PREDICTABLE SEMI-COLON IT REFLECTS THE CONTINUED UNDERLYING RESENTMENT OVER THE B.N.A.
- 4. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK THAT PEOPLE CONCERNED WILL RECOGNISE IT AS A POSITIVE MOVE. IT IS ALSO EXTREMELY HELPFUL THAT THIS FOCUS OF STRONG RESENTMENT WITHIN UMELCO AS SUCH HAS BEEN REMOVED. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A MAJOR AND DAMAGING ROW IF IT HAD NOT.

YOUDE [THIS TELEGRAM WAS NOT ADVANCED]

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