



Prime Minister

Ref. A085/2736

PRIME MINISTER

*Agree this
change?*

Yes no

29/10

The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament 1985

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has asked whether a later amendment to the Opening Speech in respect of South Africa might be made.

2. The text currently reads:

"My Government will work for peaceful change in South Africa". In order to emphasise the recent agreement within the European Community and the Commonwealth, the FCO has suggested that the text be amended to read:

✓ "My Government will work with the European Community and the Commonwealth for peaceful and fundamental change in South Africa".

3. I understand that there is still time to alter the final text, and I should be grateful therefore for your approval to make this alteration.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

29 October 1985



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cc Micky

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

30 October 1985

As I mentioned on the telephone, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has proposed and the Prime Minister has agreed that there should be an amendment to The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament in respect of the sentence dealing with South Africa. The text currently reads: "My Government will work for peaceful change in South Africa."

In view of the recent agreement within the Commonwealth and the European Community the Prime Minister would like the text to be amended to read:

"My Government will work with the European Community and the Commonwealth for peaceful and fundamental change in South Africa."

I should be grateful if you could seek The Queen's approval for this amendment.

TIM FLESHER

Sir William Heseltine, KCVO, CB.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

30th October, 1985.

Dear Tim

In confirmation of my telephone call, I write to confirm that The Queen has approved the proposed amendment to the Speech for the State Opening of Parliament set out in your letter of 30th October.

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Tim Flesher, Esq.