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AND TO IMMEDIATE KINGSTON, BRIDGETOWN, PORT OF SPAIN, GEORGETOWN
AND TO IMMEDIATE NEW DELHI, DHAKA, COLOMBO, KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE
AND TO IMMEDIATE GABORONE, LUSAKA, NAIROBI, KAMPALA, LAGOS, ACCRA
AND TO IMMEDIATE PREETOWN, BANJUL, CANBERRA, OTTAWA, WELLINGTON
AND TO IMMEDIATE PRETORIA, NASSAU, DAR ES SALEM

SOUTH AFRICA:- STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER

1. (FOR HARARE) THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTERS REMARKS ON SOUTH AFRICA IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT THIS AFTERNOON (17 JULY) HAS BEEN SENT FLASH TO YOU AND IMMEDIATE TO OTHER ADDRESSES IN THE RETRACT SERIES.
2. PLEASE DRAW URGENTLY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT AND OF OTHER DELEGATIONS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES IN HARARE AT AS HIGH A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE, THE PRIME MINISTERS STATEMENT QUOTE BEGINS

BOTH THE NASSAU ACCORD AND THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HAGUE ENVISAGED DISCUSSION ON FURTHER MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED. AS I SAID IN THE HOUSE ON 1 JULY CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE
QUOTE ENDS.

3. THIS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH MY OWN STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE YESTERDAY (16 JULY) SENT TO YOU IN THE VERBATIM SERIES THAT QUOTE BEGINS
I AM ENGAGED IN A MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, NOT TO PROMOTE

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MEASURES, BUT TO SEEK CHANGES AND COMMITMENTS TO PROGRESS WHICH ARE DESIRED BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE COMMONWEALTH. IT MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT I MAY NOT ACHIEVE THOSE CHANGES. IF THE MISSION DOES NOT PRODUCE TANGIBLE AND SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA, I WOULD REGARD AGREEMENT ON FURTHER MEASURES AS LIKELY TO BE NECESSARY.

QUOTE ENDS

4. IN HANDING OVER COPIES OF THESE STATEMENTS YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOU ARE DOING SO IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS ARE FULLY BRIEFED ON HMG'S POLICY. (FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION THE FORMULATIONS IN THESE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY JUDGED IN RELATION TO THE FORTHCOMING COMMONWEALTH REVIEW MEETING AND WE ALSO HOPE THAT THEY MAY BE HELPFUL IN PERSUADING THE COMMONWEALTH FRONT LINE STATES NOT TO JOIN IN THE BOYCOTT OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE MAKE NO EXPLICIT LINK BETWEEN THE STATEMENTS AND THE GAMES.)

5. (FOR OTHER ADDRESSES) PROVIDING YOU THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL PLEASE SIMILARLY DRAW THESE STATEMENTS URGENTLY TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS (ON THE SAME BASIS AS FOR HARARE)

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