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Letter dated 19 December 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of telex messages dated 19 December 1979 from Mr. H. Kamuzu Banda, Life President of the Republic of Malawi, addressed to both Messrs. Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, leaders of the Patriotic Front, and to the Right Honourable Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, upon the successful conclusion of the Rhodesian Constitutional Conference in London.

I request that the text of these messages be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Question of Southern Rhodesia".

(Signed) T. Jake MUWAMBA
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative

ANNEX

Text of the messages dated 19 December 1979 from the President of the Republic of Malawi to the leaders of the Patriotic Front and to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

On my own behalf and on behalf of my Government and people of Malawi, it gives me great pleasure to express to the Patriotic Front and its leadership heartfelt congratulations upon the successful conclusion of the Rhodesia Constitutional Conference. We extend also sincere congratulations to the other parties to the Conference for the spirit of compromise which led to the success of the very difficult negotiations.

The bitter war of the past seven years has been more than costly, thousands of lives have been lost. It is our earnest hope, however, that as, with the signature of the agreements tomorrow, a new page is opened in the history of your country, those who have lost their closest and dearest can take comfort in the knowledge that the fallen patriots were not sacrificed in vain.

We wish the people of Rhodesia equal success also in the next two months as they prepare for the birth of the long-awaited independent State of Zimbabwe.

H. Kamuzu BANDA,
Life President of the Republic of
Malawi
