

Text of 5 Presidents' Statement

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LUSAKA, Zambia, Sept. 26 (Reuters) —Following is the text of the statement issued by the presidents of Botswana, Angola, Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania on the agreement accepted last week by Prime Minister Ian D. Smith on the move toward majority rule in Rhodesia:

The struggle of the people of Zimbabwe, the African and international solidarity in the implementation of sanctions and coordinated action of all anticolonialist forces and states have together brought the isolation and collapse of the illegal racist minority regime in the British colony of Southern Rhodesia.

The presidents hailed and congratulated the people and fighters of Zimbabwe whose hard and heroic armed struggle forced the rebel regime and the enemy in general to recognize and accept the inevitability of majority rule and the need to establish immediately a transitional government to implement this principle. Thus the victories achieved by the people of Zimbabwe in their armed struggle created the present favorable conditions for the convening of a constitutional conference.

'Victory for All Africa and Mankind'

This is a victory for all Africa and mankind and particularly for all those countries and peoples who made sacrifices so that the brotherly people of Zimbabwe can be free.

Now that the pressures of armed struggle have forced the enemy to accept majority rule as a condition for

immediate independence, the five presidents call upon the colonial authority, the British Government, to convene at once a conference outside Zimbabwe with the authentic and legitimate representatives of the people:

(A) To discuss the structure and functions of the transitional government.

(B) To establish the transitional government.

(C) To discuss the modalities for convening a full constitutional conference to work out the independence constitution.

(D) To establish the basis upon which peace and normalcy can be restored in the territory.

Two Phases Are Envisaged

To achieve these goals two phases are envisaged. The first phase will deal with the establishment of an African majority transitional government. The second phase will be concerned with working out the details of the Zimbabwe independence constitution.

The presidents have carefully studied the proposals as outlined by the illegal and racist regime which, if accepted, would be tantamount to legalizing the colonialist and racist structures of power. Any details relating to the structure and functions of the transitional government should be left to the conference.

The five presidents reaffirmed their commitment to the cause of liberation in Zimbabwe and the armed struggle.

A luta continua. [The struggle continues.]