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THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 2008
2008 CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS
HELD BETWEEN
CAYMAN ISLANDS DELEGATION AND
THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. IAN HENDRY, FCO DELEGATION): Good morning everybody. Before we start I'd like to invite Pastor Shian to say a prayer this morning.

PRAYER

PASTOR SHIAN O'CONNOR (REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS CONFERENCE): Let us bow our heads as we praise.

Our Heavenly Father, we stand indebted to You this morning for Your faithfulness to us as You watched over us as we slept last night, You woke us up this morning, and You have given us yet another opportunity, a brand new day with opportunities and challenges. As we begin this session, this final day, we invoke Your presence here, we ask Your spirit will lead and guide that the goals and objectives that we have today will all be met with a successful session, and at the end we will return the honour and the glory to You. This is our prayer we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. IAN HENDRY, FCO DELEGATION): Thank you. Thank you very much.

PROPOSAL 4 – BILL OF RIGHTS

THE CHAIRMAN (MR. IAN HENDRY, FCO DELEGATION): Well, we've reached the last day of our deliberations of this particular round of discussions, and I think we're in pretty good shape to achieve my much desired objective to have a look at every point in the set of proposals before us.

I think, as I advertised yesterday afternoon, we should start with Bill of Rights, Proposal 4, and we have the benefit of a proposed draft Bill of Rights circulated on Monday. And I invite first the Cayman Islands delegation, if they would like to do so to say some introductory words about it. For our part we have a few questions about it, having studied

