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## PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: What sort of resolution are you hoping today will go to conference?

PM: One that will enable the discussions I think to go on before the time of the conference.

JOURNALIST: You're not worried last night's decision will be seen as a non-decision, open you up to attacks from the Opposition?

PM: I'm quite prepared to deal with the Opposition on this issue. As I said last night at the end of my press conference when we've finished our consideration of this matter we'll have a clear position that will involve very effective competition in the telecommunications industry but with a fully publicly-owned telecommunications facility operating internationally and nationally. That will be in the starkest of contrasts with the position of the Tories who will throw, if they had their way, the whole of the telecommunications industry into the private sector and sacrifice the public good. That's the debate that I'm looking forward to having and it's a debate we'll win.

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