

I continue to deplore the spread of violence in South Africa, which has included a large number of cruel and indiscriminate bombings so far this year, causing several deaths and scores of injuries. Some have been carried out by supporters of apartheid but most have been acts by South Africans who are opposed to apartheid. The frustrations of black South Africans in the face of a totally unjust system maintained by force is understandable, but indiscriminate violence is not a short-cut to the non-racial, democratic South Africa which most South Africans want. Not only do these acts kill innocent people, but they are also likely to set back the prospects for real change by intensifying fears and racial hatreds. Canada will continue to do all it can to pressure the South African Government to end the evil system of apartheid, which is at the root of the violence. Canada calls upon all sides to abandon violence.

Finally, I regret that the South African Government has continued to repress the voices of opposition by banning two more black organizations, the Azanian Coordinating Committee and the Soweto Student Congress."