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CANBERRA (CP) - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA:

**SANCTIONS:** SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA ARE HAVING AN INCREASING IMPACT; SAYS THE STATEMENT. "THE COMMITTEE WAS UNITED IN THE BELIEF THAT SANCTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE SUSTAINED AND INTENSIFIED." IT SAYS THE 30 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE INDEPENDENT REPORT BY JOE HANLON "DESERVED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION" AND WOULD BE PASSED ALONG TO THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN OCTOBER IN KUALA LUMPUR FOR DISCUSSION. THE COMMITTEE WILL SEND OF COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE EXISTING TRADE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA BUT ARE NOT ADHERING TO THEM.

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**FINANCIAL LINKS:** THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN A BOOK ENTITLED APARTHEID AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCE. "FINANCIAL SANCTIONS APPLIED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR; GOVERNMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAD BEEN; AND CONTINUE TO BE; ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORMS OF PRESSURE ON PRETORIA;" THE STATEMENT SAID. COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH EXECUTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL BANKS CONCERNING DEBT RESCHEDULING OF SOUTH AFRICAN LOANS FOR 1990.

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**NAMIBIA:** CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO SENDING COMMONWEALTH "EXPERTISE" TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE AFTER THE TERRITORY ACHIEVES INDEPENDENCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND BECOMES A COMMONWEALTH MEMBER.

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**DESTABILIZATION:** SOUTH AFRICA'S CAMPAIGN OF DESTABILIZATION OF ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE FRONTLINE STATES WAS DENOUNCED BY THE COMMITTEE. IT RECEIVED AN UPDATED REPORT DURING THE MEETING THAT SAID SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AND POLITICAL INTERFERENCE HAD CAUSED 1.5 MILLION DEATHS IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SET MATERIAL DAMAGE AT THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT \$54 BILLION CDN.

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**SPORTS:** THE COMMITTEE CALLED ON COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES "TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN STRONG OPPOSITION" TO PLANNED CRICKET AND RUGBY TOURS OF SOUTH AFRICA BY BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES. IT ALSO CALLED FOR SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP RULES AND GUIDELINES TO PENALIZE THOSE WHO HAVE SPORTING CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

A REPORT PREPARED BY CANADA; CONCERNING A FINANCIAL UPGRADING OF THE GAMES AND A RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY BE HELD IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE. A MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS; WHICH INCLUDE FINANCIAL AID AND ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND A TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR PARTICIPANTS.

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