

MR. SPEAKER,

I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE HOUSE ABOUT APARTHEID, AND WHAT CANADA CAN DO TO END A REPUGNANT RACIST SYSTEM. I AM GUIDED BY TWO REALITIES: FIRST, THAT CANADIANS ARE OFFENDED BY, AND ABHOR THE PRACTICE OF INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM BY A SOCIETY THAT CLAIMS TO SHARE OUR VALUES. SECOND, THAT CANADA'S INFLUENCE IS LIMITED BUT REAL, AND OUR CHALLENGE IS TO TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS WHICH HELP TO END APARTHEID.

EXPRESSING OUR OUTRAGE IS PART OF OUR DUTY, AND THOSE CANADIAN CITIZENS WHO JOIN IN PEACEFUL PROTEST AND DEMONSTRATION HELP TO SHOW THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HOW DEEPLY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY ARE OFFENDED BY THEIR RACIST PRACTICES.

IT IS ALSO PART OF OUR DUTY TO MAKE CLEAR TO SOUTH AFRICA THAT CANADA IS PREPARED TO INVOKE TOTAL SANCTIONS IF THERE IS NO