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McDOUGALL RENEWS CALL FOR END TO VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, said today she deplores the violence and loss of life that took place during a demonstration by South Africans at Bisho, Ciskei, on September 7.

"This tragedy underscores the need for all parties in South Africa to get down to solving the problem of continuing violence," said Mrs. McDougall. "Every effort must be made to return to the negotiating table at the earliest possible moment."

The Minister reaffirmed the Canadian government's position that, although all parties in South Africa share responsibility for the continuing political violence, the primary responsibility for the maintenance of law and order rests with the Government of South Africa.

Canada has previously indicated its support for United Nations Security Council Resolution 772, which calls for international observers to be sent to South Africa. In the last weeks, Mrs. McDougall has discussed with various South African and international leaders ways in which the international community, including the Commonwealth, can implement the Resolution.

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