

conference next month at Tehran to review the human rights programme and to consider measures and methods to more effectively assure human rights to all the world's people. One of the items on the Conference's agenda is concerned with the rapid and total elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in general, and of the policy of apartheid in particular.

In August 1966, Canada signed the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The Canadian Government is continuing with the necessary process of consultation with the provinces, in the expectation that it will be possible for Canada to ratify this Convention at an early date.

I commend the observance of this Day to all Canadians. I hope that all of us will determine to do our utmost to ensure that not only Canadians, but people throughout the world, will enjoy freedom from racial discrimination," Mr. Martin said.