

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Kenya, I am told, has a unique vantage. In a world of rapid change, where the future appears to become more and more uncertain, it is the place from which to draw near, again and again, to the cradle of humankind. From here it is possible to gaze back in time, to retrace the journey and measure past evolution, and to find inspiration to take on today's global problems.

I am in Kenya, principally, to consult with His Excellency President Moi and with Foreign Minister Onyonka. Their advice has been very helpful in preparing me for meetings that begin Monday on the Commonwealth actions against apartheid. I am glad as well for the opportunity to talk with you today about what Canada is doing to protect both our very large share of the world's environment and to encourage you in your efforts to advance environmental concerns in Kenya and globally.

I particularly appreciated the opportunity for a long conversation with President Moi at Eldoret. His experience and judgement are very helpful in understanding how to deal with major challenges facing Africa and the world.

President Moi was among the Commonwealth Heads of Government whose meeting in Vancouver adopted a plan of action on South Africa, and created a Committee of Foreign Ministers to give impetus to the issue. I have the honour to chair that committee whose first meeting begins Monday in Lusaka.

The Committee will concentrate on four major areas. We will seek to ensure that the Commonwealth strategy of pressuring South Africa to make fundamental changes is reinforced through the widening, tightening and intensification of sanctions. We will continue to encourage a more comprehensive response by the international community to the desperate plight of South Africa's neighbours. We intend to reach into South Africa, to increase support for the victims of apartheid, by efforts to encourage dialogue with and among the opponents of apartheid, and by means to counteract the powerful weapon of South African propaganda and censorship. Finally, we will look for ways to ensure that South Africa complies with Security Council Resolution 435, and grants Namibia its long overdue independence.

Canada is active in the world by choice, by history and by necessity. We take individual initiatives on a range of issues - from establishing our control of our northern waters, to offering our hard-earned expertise in the design of peace-keeping arrangements in Central America. But we have