

8. Encouragement of Black Businesses

As far as they are able, companies should, in the framework of their activities, encourage the setting up and expansion of Black businesses by contributing their expertise, counselling, and advice; by sub-contracting; by providing assistance for their Black employees in setting up their own businesses; and by preferential, priority treatment in customer/supplier relations.

9. Social Justice

By positive, constructive, and legal means and approaches, and in cooperation with other foreign companies and with their South African partners, Canadian companies should use whatever channels of influence are available to them to promote the cause of social justice and the peaceful achievement of necessary social and political changes and reforms.

The revised procedure establishes a reporting system on the adherence of companies to the Code of Conduct which is reviewed on an annual basis by an impartial and independent Administrator. In conformity with a standard reporting format issued to them for this purpose, all Canadian companies should submit to the Administrator annual public reports in sufficient detail to permit assessment of their progress in realizing the objectives of the Code of Conduct. On the basis of his review and collation of the responses of the companies, the Administrator submits to the Secretary of State for External Affairs an annual report which is subsequently tabled in Parliament.

Although the Code of Conduct is addressed primarily to the employment practices of Canadian companies in South Africa, there may be other Canadian establishments, as is the case with the Canadian Embassy in Pretoria, which employ people locally in South Africa and whose employment practices should accordingly conform to the guidelines set out in the Code. The Canadian Government invites any Canadian public or private organization, temporarily or permanently located in South Africa and employing local labour there, to comply voluntarily with the Code of Conduct.

The Canadian Government will continue to follow closely developments in South Africa and the efforts of Canadian companies in regard to the Code of Conduct. Where the process of change and reform make them necessary and appropriate, further amendments to the provisions of the Code will be introduced.

ANNEX C

CODE OF CONDUCT

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND GUIDANCE - 1990/91

Reporting System

Companies are asked to provide their annual public reports relating to the Code of Conduct in the Standard reporting format which will be issued to them by the Administrator.

The annual report should state the facts as of 30 June 1991 and, in particular, should bring out clearly the progress achieved in the implementation of the various sections of the Code. Especially where they are considered to represent a significant contribution to the advancement and well-being of the Black employees and their families and to the communities in which they live, companies should feel free to describe their achievements in some detail citing, wherever relevant, the financial provision for them in company budgets.

Companies should submit this report to the Administrator by September 1991.

The Administrator will review and collate company reports and submit a report to the Secretary of State for External Affairs by 1 December 1991. It will, shortly thereafter, be tabled in Parliament.

Members of the public who may wish to obtain a copy of any company annual report relating to the Code of Conduct will be informed that they should apply directly to the company concerned.

Collective Bargaining

This section of the Code does not ask companies to promote, set up, or do the job of trade unions. It does, however, ask companies to "ensure that their employees are free to organize collective bargaining units of their own choosing." A feature of the labour relations scene in recent years has been the involvement of Black workers in the statutory industrial relations system and the emergence and growing influence of independent trade unions representing Black employees. The Code states that companies should pay particular