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FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that he will chair the fourth meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa to be held in Canberra, Australia, on August 7-9, 1989.

The Commonwealth Committee was created by the Vancouver Heads of Government Meeting in October 1987 to provide high level impetus and guidance to further Commonwealth objectives on Southern Africa. It comprises the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and is chaired by Canada. The Committee has held previous meetings in Lusaka, Zambia in February of 1988, Toronto in August of 1988 and Harare, Zimbabwe in February of 1989.

At the Canberra meeting, Ministers will be giving priority to their report to the next Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in October. Ministers will again review the situation inside South Africa and Namibia. Ministers will continue to place a priority on the widening, tightening and intensifying of Commonwealth sanctions, and will in particular review South Africa's links with the international financial community and financial sanctions and consider the Final Report of the Independent Experts on the Evaluation of the Application and Impact of Sanctions.

Ministers will also be reviewing work on reaching into South Africa, including assistance to the victims and opponents of apartheid and counteracting South African propaganda and censorship. Ministers will also be discussing assistance to South Africa's neighbours, including the Commonwealth's Special Fund for Mozambique and promoting trade and investment in those countries.

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