

February
1988

- The first meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers (CFM) took place in Lusaka, Zambia. A work programme was approved, including a mission on security needs of the Front Line States, two economic studies related to sanctions, and the development by Canada of a strategy to counter South African censorship and propaganda.

April
1988

- Assistance to victims of apartheid substantially increased during this fiscal year to approximately \$7.8 million.
- Over \$30 million was committed to the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) for the fiscal year, as well as another \$100 million in bilateral aid to the individual countries of the region to help counter destabilization.

July
1988

- Canada tightened its policy on sports contacts by refusing visas to individuals travelling on South African passports and seeking entry into Canada to participate in sports events or activities.

August
1988

- The second meeting of the CFM took place in Toronto. The Committee reviewed an interim report on the impact of sanctions, studies on South Africa's international financial links and security requirements of the Front Line States, as well as a Canadian strategy to counter South African propaganda and censorship.
- The Committee put forward practical proposals to widen, tighten and intensify the application of existing sanctions, including in the financial sector.
- The CFM agreed that the proposals in the Canadian strategy to counteract South African propaganda and censorship would be the basis for a practical Commonwealth response to the challenge. Canada committed \$1 million to a Canadian action plan to this end.