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COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS OTTAWA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal will visit Ottawa January 12 to take part in preparations for the first meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa.

The Committee, comprised of the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, is chaired by Mr. Clark and will first meet in Lusaka, Zambia February 1-2, 1988. The Committee was established at the Vancouver Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting last October to meet periodically to provide high level impetus and guidance in furthering Commonwealth objectives aimed at ending <u>apartheid</u> in South Africa.

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