

About 280 political detainees believed held by the South African administration in Namibia and by SWAPO in Angola and Zambia were to be released in early June under the UN plan. Canada - joined by Australia, New Zealand and Norway - initiated a series of diplomatic representations in late May urging South Africa and SWAPO to release all detainees, and asking Angola, Zambia and Zimbabwe to use their good offices on behalf of the detainees. So far SWAPO has publicly presented about 200 persons, some of whom have been positively identified as released detainees. South Africa has granted international access to - but not yet released - its detainees, and others still remain unaccounted for.

Canada calls on both South Africa and SWAPO to build upon the steps already taken and see the process through, considering that complete settlement of this issue to the satisfaction of the United Nations would substantially strengthen Namibia's transition to independence.