

Canadian Action

Canada has contributed in all practical ways to Namibia's independence based on the plan it helped to produce:

- Canada advanced 80 per cent of its \$15 million UNTAG assessment before any other country.
- Canada provided over 250 logistics troops for UNTAG from the beginning (rotated after five months), and 100 RCMP officers for the expansion of UNTAG police.
- Canada provided 50 experienced election supervisors for UNTAG, as well as 10 fingerprint experts, two computer experts and some 4000 ballot boxes for the elections.
- Canada had a diplomatic observer mission in Windhoek throughout the process, with six Canadian staff.
- Canada sent four Parliamentary observers, named one member of the Commonwealth observer group and provided financial and other assistance for the travel of NGO observers and the dissemination of their findings.
- Canada was active in the search for solutions through four rounds of intensive Security Council discussions, and also initiated joint lobbying with other countries for the release of Namibian political detainees wherever held.
- Canada furnished \$2 million in aid for refugee repatriation through the UN, provided over \$1 million in development assistance through non-governmental and multilateral channels in 1989/90, and pledged \$2 million through the Commonwealth over 1990 and 1991.