

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the outcome of the Government's review of its policy with regard to the application of the embargo against the export of arms to South Africa. This review was undertaken as a result of Security Council Resolution 282 of July 23, 1970, which elaborated upon the terms of the Council's 1963 resolutions on this subject. Since the latest resolution went beyond the terms of the arms embargo as originally established, thorough consideration was called for to determine what steps the Government should take in compliance with the terms of the new Security Council resolution.

The Canadian Government has since 1963 applied a general embargo on arms exports to South Africa. Exceptions were made, however, to allow for shipment of maintenance spares for equipment supplied before the 1963 resolutions were adopted, as well as for export of certain aircraft piston engines and spares for them.

In the light of the review just completed, the Government has decided that henceforth the supply of all vehicles and equipment, and the supply of spare parts for vehicles and equipment, for the use of the armed forces and paramilitary organizations of the Republic of South Africa will be prohibited. In addition, certain aircraft piston engines and maintenance spares for such engines, previously exempted from the Government's application of the embargo, will no longer be supplied for military use by the armed forces or paramilitary organizations in South Africa.

In complying with the recent United Nations resolution on this subject, the Government does not intend that normal trade with South Africa in goods for civilian use should be affected.