

National Congress will be lifted, and that negotiations will soon begin for a new constitution that would eventually give blacks the right to vote.

The embassy's first secretary says Canada should drop its sanctions against South Africa, and be more supportive.

PATRICK EVANS: If Canada does not change with the tide, both within South Africa, and within southern Africa at the moment, they may find themselves on the sideline of peace processes which occur in both South Africa, and in Mozambique, for example.

REPORTER: But a representative for the African National Congress says he's heard the promise of reform before. He doesn't believe it this time, and he hopes Canada doesn't either.

PETER MAHLANGER: Sanctions are already beginning to bite on South Africa. We think, rather than giving South Africa a breathing space, we should impose even more stringent, you know, economic sanctions against it in order to force South Africa to a negotiating table.

REPORTER: The Commonwealth ministers will be studying two reports. Both say that sanctions, particularly financial sanctions, have worked, have forced concessions from the South African government. The reports say the time is right to impose new, tougher sanctions. But it's unclear whether any new measures are planned at this meeting,