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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - MARCH 21, 1968

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1968, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, issued the following statement:

"By a Resolution adopted at the 21st Session of the General Assembly in 1966, March 21 was designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. At the current 22nd Session a further Resolution was adopted, calling upon Member States to observe the Day. The Canadian Government believes that observance of the Day will serve to remind all Canadians that their efforts must be untiring in order to achieve a world free from all forms of racial discrimination. Only through a continuous process of education and through the observance of such occasions as today, can the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms be adequately strengthened.

The United Nations has been responsible for considerable progress toward this objective, and this year's observance of March 21 is especially significant during International Year for Human Rights. The United Nations is convoking an international