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## McDOUGALL CONDEMNS VIOLENCE IN ANGOLA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today condemned the escalation of violence in Angola and called for an immediate halt to the fighting.

"I am deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Angola," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada calls on both sides to respect the results of the elections, which the UN has declared to be generally free and fair, and to return to the peace process as laid out in the Bicesse Peace Accord."

On May 31, 1991, President José Eduardo dos Santos, of the governing Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), and Mr. Jonas Savimbi, Leader of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), signed a peace agreement, ending 16 years of civil war. On September 29 and 30 this year, multi-party elections were held in Angola under UN supervision. UNITA has, however, refused to accept the results and has withdrawn its military forces from the unified national army.

The Minister stated that External Affairs and International Trade Canada is advising the few remaining Canadians in Angola to depart as soon as possible. Canadians considering visiting Angola are urged to postpone their travel until the situation improves.

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