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McDOUGALL SAYS KENYAN ELECTIONS STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall said that, despite some irregularities, the recent vote in Kenya is a step in the right direction for democracy in that country. Five Canadians participated as electoral observers, in Commonwealth and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) monitoring groups, in what were the first multi-party elections in Kenya since Independence.

"International and domestic observers concluded that, though the process was less than perfect, the vote generally reflects the will of the Kenyan people," said the Minister.

Mrs. McDougall urged the three main opposition parties to pursue their goals peacefully and democratically by entering the new parliament and using democratic means to improve the system further.

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