Code of Conduct Concerning the Employment Practices of Canadian Companies Operating in South Africa Code d'éthique touchant les conditions d'emploi des sociétés canadiennes opérant en Afrique du Sud

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Dear Mr. Clark:

I am submitting to you herewith my annual report on the administration and observance of the Code of Conduct concerning the employment practices of Canadian Companies operating in South Africa.

This report is the first annual review to be carried out under the measures strengthening the Code which you announced on July 5, 1985 and which thereafter included my appointment as administrator of the Code on October 1st, 1985. In the past eight months or so I have worked closely with the companies active in South Africa and have consulted extensively with other interested parties. Attached is a summary list of these contacts. I shall, of course, be continuing such consultations particularly with respect to matters arising out of the annual reports which companies submitted to me and, before putting them to you for your consideration, with respect to those recommendations and suggestions which I have set down in Part IV of my report.

As I have noted in it my report, having the character of a trial run, cannot make any claim to perfection or completeness. Companies were asked to submit to me their first annual reports by March 31st of this year. This meant that their responses had to be produced within a foreshortened period of time. With the establishment of a regular cycle of consultations and of preparations preceding future annual reviews, especially under a revised version of the Code of Conduct, I would expect annual company reports and my own annual review of them to offer an increasingly relevant and useful basis for judgements and assessments