

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, made the following statement today in Tel Aviv.

"Canada has noted the disappointing results of the recent Summit Meeting in Addis Ababa of the Organization for African Unity. We are confident that the African leaders will continue to seek a consensus solution to this grave problem. If this is reached, Canada will support it in any practical manner.

For its part, Canada favours an immediate ceasefire in Angola.

We are completely opposed to the continued supply of foreign soldiers, arms, material, money and mercenaries to the three warring factions in Angola.

We believe that each of the three liberation movements has a genuine constituency among the people of Angola and we consider that the only real solution to the problem is a negotiated settlement following the withdrawal of *all* foreign military assistance. This would allow the Angolan people to choose a government freely without fear of intimidation and danger to their personal safety.

In present circumstances we do not see our way clear to recognizing any of the contending groups as the government of Angola."

The statement has been made in response to many inquiries from foreign governments and from interested Canadians concerned with this grave matter.