

Canada played a leading role in negotiating and implementing Namibia's independence process, both directly and through the United Nations. "Namibia's experience stands as a persuasive demonstration to South Africans of how fundamental political change can be achieved through a peaceful, negotiated and democratic process", stated Mr. Clark.

To assist the independence process, during the past year, Canada provided over 250 military and police personnel to the UN Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), over 60 election supervisors and technical experts as well as 4,000 ballot boxes to support the election of the Constituent Assembly and over Cdn \$3.5 million in aid for development and refugee repatriation. Namibia's Constituent Assembly recently adopted an exemplary constitution which provides for effective human rights guarantees and a multi-party democracy.