At Toronto, Canada organized an anti-apartheid cultural festival as well as a public forum on censorship and propaganda.

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- The Government announced the following actions to widen, tighten and intensify the application of Canadian sanctions:
  - \* tightened the ban on Government contracts with majority South African-owned companies to apply to: grants, contributions and sales; sales to all clients in South Africa, except to serve our objective of reaching into South Africa; and scheduled Crown Corporations.
  - \* the Secretary of State for External Affairs met with representatives of Canadian banks who agreed not to increase trade credits to South Africa and agreed to raise with other foreign bankers directly involved, the Canadian preference for the shortest possible loan rescheduling terms.
  - extended the ban on sales of high technology items on the Export Control List to private sector end-users in South Africa.
- The Government announced it would spend \$1.6 million over two years to promote dialogue among South Africans through grants to organizations. A portion of these funds are committed to projects outlined in the Canadian Action Plan on countering South African propaganda and censorship, since censorship remains a serious impediment to dialogue, and a free press plays a key role in promoting dialogue.
- Dialogue projects funded to date have fallen within five categories: assistance to the alternative press and anti-censorship activities; workshops, conferences and events bringing together South Africans of different races; support for human rights and profession organizations trying to break down the barriers of apartheid; promotion of the idea of a non-racial future through the arts and popular culture; talks between the ANC and white South Africans.