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CANADA LIFTS ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST

RHODESIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Flora MacDonald, announced today that the Government of Canada intends to take the necessary legal steps to lift the economic sanctions which have been in force against Rhodesia over the past fourteen years.

Flora MacDonald expressed her great satisfaction at the announcement in London that the Lancaster House talks had reached a successful conclusion. As all parties concerned have joined in the comprehensive plan proposed for a peaceful solution to this long-standing problem, the objectives of the Lusaka Declaration to which the Government of Canada has wholeheartedly subscribed have been met. Consequently, upon the establishment of an effective cease-fire within the next few days, the threat to international peace and security which led to the imposition of sanctions in 1965 will have been removed.

Flora MacDonald also expressed the hope that the international community will assist in the early implementation of the London accords. Canada will be playing its part in this process.