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CLARK CHAIRS COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN LONDON, FEBRUARY 16, 1991

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark today announced he will chair a special session of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa in London, U.K. on February 16, 1991.

At the London meeting, Ministers will review recent developments in South Africa, including President de Klerk's February 1, 1991 commitment to repeal the remaining legislative pillars of apartheid, and the January 29 meeting between ANC Vice-President Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party President Mangosuthu Buthelezi. The eight Commonwealth Foreign Ministers will discuss Commonwealth policy in light of these significant developments to ensure that the Commonwealth continues to play a significant role in the struggle against apartheid, and in the development of a non-racial society in South Africa.

The Commonwealth Committee was created by the Vancouver Heads of Government Meeting in October 1987 to provide high-level political guidance in advancing Commonwealth objectives in Southern Africa.

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