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BEATTY SALUTES DE KLERK AND MANDELA FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty welcomed the announcement today that the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded jointly to South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress President Nelson Mandela.

"Both President de Klerk and Mr. Mandela richly deserve the Nobel Peace Prize. They have shown great courage in their efforts to bring about non-racial democracy in South Africa," said Mr. Beatty. "At the same time, we must not forget the work of the many other South African leaders and millions of ordinary people who are dedicated to that same goal."

Mr. Beatty said that Canada will continue to support the efforts of South Africans to build a peaceful and prosperous South Africa. He added that Prime Minister Kim Campbell has written to the two Nobel laureates to express her warmest congratulations.

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