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CLARK OPTIMISTIC ON SOUTH AFRICA

**CBC:** Meanwhile, foreign ministers from eight Commonwealth countries are in Australia for a conference on South Africa. The three day meeting is being chaired by Canada's Joe Clark. Wendy Mesley reports from Canberra.

**REPORTER:** As the Commonwealth foreign ministers gathered at the kick-off dinner, Canada's Joe Clark said he believes that real change in South Africa may now be possible. He's basing his hopes on F.W. de Klerk, who is expected to become president in the white only elections this September.

**DE KLERK:** The national party intends to create a new South Africa, in which every South African can live in safety, prosperity and dignity.

**REPORTER:** At the South African embassy in Ottawa diplomats predict that black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela will soon be released from jail, that the ban on the anti-apartheid African

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