conference to prepare for constitutional negotiations. He said that negotiations represent the only path to justice and peace for all South Africans and expressed the hope that the remaining political prisoners would soon be released and political exiles allowed to return, and that formal negotiations would begin shortly.

"I know the people of Canada would wish to join me in extending greetings to Nelson Mandela on this day and wishing him and other South African leaders the wisdom, strength and courage in the next 12 months to build a new, just South Africa."

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