

This RCMP initiative further underlines Canada's longstanding commitment to assisting Namibia on the path to independence, as provided for under Security Council Resolution 435 which Canada co-sponsored. Previous Canadian support for this Resolution includes 255 Canadian Forces personnel deployed in April as part of UNTAG's military component, \$2 million in aid provided to the refugee repatriation operation that began in June, and 4,000 election ballot boxes which the Honourable Walter Mcclean, the Government's Special Representative for Southern Africa and Commonwealth Affairs, presented to authorities this past July.

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