

Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, visited South Africa in April 1992. Mrs. McDougall met with a wide range of political and other leaders in South Africa, and encouraged all parties in South Africa to join in the negotiations on a new constitution and to take strong measures to control the ongoing political violence.

Canada is actively working with the international community to help address the issue of political violence in South Africa.

- As Chairperson of the CFMSA, Mrs. McDougall is in regular contact with all parties in South Africa and with her foreign minister colleagues on the committee.
- Mrs. McDougall has conveyed, to all parties in South Africa, Canada's concerns about the continuing violence in South Africa. She has urged them to observe the terms of the September 1991 National Peace Accord, to allow free and peaceful political activity and to complete negotiations on transitional measures and a new constitution as quickly as possible.
- Canada has participated in the Commonwealth observer team in South Africa, in support of UN Security Council Resolution 772, from October 1992 to May 1993.

#### Canadian Development Assistance in South Africa

The objective of Canada's aid program in South Africa is to support the peaceful transition to a democratic state by assisting victims of apartheid and by preparing black South Africans to assume their rightful place in a post-apartheid South Africa. Canadian assistance is channelled through multilateral agencies and both Canadian and South African non-governmental organizations (NGOs). More than \$12 million in Canadian official development assistance was disbursed in 1992-1993 by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and disbursements in 1993-1994 are expected to remain at about this level.

The various Canadian assistance programs for South Africa include scholarships for black South Africans, promotion of labour education, financial assistance to Canadian NGOs providing legal and humanitarian aid to South Africans, grants to organizations endeavouring to heighten the awareness of Canadians about apartheid, promotion of linkages with South African NGOs, and assistance to black entrepreneurs.

In 1992, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced a two-part initiative to support the transition to democracy in South Africa. The first was a commitment to provide policy support to the democratic movement in the area of education, economics and