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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed deep concern about recent developments affecting Lesotho and Botswana. These two Commonwealth partners, which have given shelter to refugees from South Africa, have in the past weeks been subject to military action, border restrictions, and continuing threats by South Africa.

Canada joins in the international condemnation of these acts of intimidation reflected in Security Council resolution 580 and supports the action taken by the Secretary General of the United Nations to station two UN monitors in Lesotho.

The Canadian Government warmly welcomes the protection Lesotho and Botswana have afforded refugees in accordance with their international obligations. It also welcomes warmly the action taken jointly by the Secretary General, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and other Front Line States in order to find a new place of refuge for those who have fled from South Africa.

Mr. Clark pointed out that South Africa cannot hope to sustain apartheid by actions outside its borders.