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BEATTY DEPLORES CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty continues to express his dismay at the escalating violence in South Africa. He again urged all leaders and parties to pursue negotiations in good faith and to ensure that their supporters adhere strictly to the letter and spirit of the National Peace Accords.

"The senseless killing and maiming is causing untold misery and must be stopped," Mr. Beatty said. "A durable solution to the underlying causes of violence will only come with a negotiated political settlement," the Minister added, indicating that, as Chairman of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, he had been following closely the encouraging progress of the negotiations.

Mr. Beatty urged the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Conservative Party to return to the negotiation table in a spirit of tolerance and compromise. The Multi-Party Negotiating Council is currently discussing a draft interim constitution and the structures to be put in place for the transition period leading to the first non-racial elections, now scheduled for April 27, 1994.

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