The Minister for International Trade, Tom Hockin, said the Government will undertake a series of initiatives to encourage business ties between Canada and the new South Africa. These will include the opening of a trade office and the posting of trade commissioners to South Africa. Mr. Hockin also announced plans to lead a high-level trade mission to South Africa this autumn to underscore Canada's support for increased trade links between both countries. In addition, a series of trade seminars will be held across Canada and the Government will actively support business and trade groups seeking to promote trade with South Africa.

A background information sheet on the sanctions and their status is attached, and an information kit is available upon request.

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