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MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO LEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON APARTHEID

The office of the Honourable Monique Landry announced today that the Minister for External Relations and International Development will be in New York to lead the Canadian delegation to the December 12-14 United Nations General Assembly Special Session On Apartheid.

There have been only sixteen Special Sessions in United Nations history, and none since 1986. This will be the first Special Session ever devoted to the apartheid issue.

"This Special Session on Apartheid comes at an important juncture and serves to focus high-level global attention on the urgent need and opportunity for peaceful but fundamental change in South Africa," said Mrs. Landry. "As leader of the Canadian delegation, I will address the Session to add Canada's voice to the international community's call for meaningful negotiations towards non-racial representative government in South Africa."

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