

included the introduction of common citizenship and "common political rights including the right to vote", the repeal of race classification laws, of pass laws and the Group Areas Act, independence for Namibia under UN resolution 435, the release of ANC and United Democratic Front (UDF) leaders and "the initiation of a process of consultation and negotiation with the genuine leaders of those who are called Indian, blacks, and coloureds." Finally, Mr. Clark stressed that the "Government of South Africa should have no doubt that we will invoke full sanctions unless there is tangible movement away from apartheid."

On 24 September 1985 Canadian officials met with President Nyerere of Tanzania, the chairman of the Front Line States. That day the Government also condemned the South African raid into Angola which had taken place several days earlier.¹⁵ The next day Mr. Clark forcefully raised the issue of South Africa in the UN General Assembly.¹⁶ On 26 September, Prime Minister Mulroney appointed Bernard Wood of the North-South Institute to undertake a fact-finding tour of Southern Africa. Mr. Wood met with leaders of the front line Commonwealth states to discuss possible further measures against South Africa.¹⁷

On 16-22 October Prime Minister Mulroney attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Nassau. He was prominent in forging the consensus on a common approach towards South Africa which emerged from this Meeting.¹⁸ In a speech to the 40th session of the General Assembly, the Prime Minister reiterated Canada's commitment to invoke total sanctions against South Africa and to sever diplomatic relations if there was no visible progress in the dismantling of apartheid in the near future.¹⁹ On his return Mr. Mulroney told the House that the heads of government sponsoring the Eminent Persons Group would be meeting in six months to review the situation in

¹⁵ DEA, Communique, 85/133, 24 September 1985.

¹⁶ DEA, Statements and Speeches, 85/10, 25 September 1985.

¹⁷ Globe and Mail, 26 September 1985.

¹⁸ "Transcript of a press conference given by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney", 20 October 1985.