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CANADA PARTICIPATES IN COMMONWEALTH ELECTION OBSERVER MISSION IN ZAMBIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today that Canada will participate in the Commonwealth Election Observer Mission that will monitor Zambia's first multi-party elections on October 31. Canada will also contribute a sum of \$60,000 towards the cost of the Mission.

"Canada has been strongly supportive of the trend towards political pluralism in Africa and warmly welcomes these free and democratic elections in Zambia," stated Mrs. McDougall.

Canada has further supported the Zambian electoral process through a contribution of \$50,000 to the Zambian Independent Monitoring Team and the participation of Canada's Assistant Chief Electoral Officer in missions of the Carter Center/National Democratic Institute.

The Right Honourable Edward Schreyer and the Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais will be the two Canadian members on the Commonwealth Election Observer Mission which is scheduled to begin monitoring the electoral process on October 24.

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