

Canada is also moving to normalize export promotion in Namibia. The Program for Export Market Development is now available there, and we will be active in promoting trade with Namibia. The Export Development Corporation has been told that there are no longer any barriers to export finance and investment insurance, and the chief executives of major chartered banks have been told that export credit restrictions and other voluntary financial sanctions on South Africa no longer apply to Namibia.

As for development assistance, the Minister for External Relations and International Development is advising Namibian leaders that CIDA will be providing a special independence contribution of up to \$1 million to support an expanded program of immunization through UNICEF. This is a high priority for the new Namibian government. With a further \$1 million already pledged by the Prime Minister through the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation and other aid, total Canadian assistance to Namibia is expected to exceed \$4 million this year. It will be delivered mainly through Canadian and Namibian NGOs and multilateral channels.

Finally, Namibia has a continuing need for security assistance. There is a requirement to strengthen and reorient the police force, so that the stability essential to economic development can be maintained in a climate favourable to human rights. With the concurrence of my colleague, the Solicitor General, the RCMP will soon be providing police training services funded through the Commonwealth, and the RCMP Director of Training will shortly lead a needs-assessment mission to Windhoek. Namibia is also being invited to join the Military Training Assistance Program already offered by the Canadian Forces to Southern African and Caribbean countries.

To mark the actual moment of independence - midnight in Namibia and 5:00 p.m. here today - a motion of congratulations will be proposed then for unanimous consent in the House.

Namibian independence is a success story for the UN, for South Africa, for Canada and, most of all, for its own people themselves. It is a world class achievement which this House - and all Canadians - proudly applaud.