

The mandate of the Committee of Foreign Ministers is far-reaching. It will keep the pressure on South Africa. It will give encouragement to the opponents of apartheid. It will re-inforce the Commonwealth's role in promoting change and dialogue. Canada will contribute to the Committee's work in every possible way.

Everyone in this House believes apartheid must be ended. This Government also believes apartheid can be ended, and a better system put in place. That, of course, requires countries like Canada to continue the kind of leadership the Prime Minister provided in Vancouver. South Africa should be in no doubt that, if other measures fail, all of Canada's economic and diplomatic contacts will be terminated. That would be a last resort, when our other influence has ended. Both the Government of South Africa, and the opponents of apartheid, should also know that Canada intends to continue to mobilize our resources and our influence to maintain steady pressure and leadership against apartheid and the violence it engenders.