

"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ADOPTION OF EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST IT. IF IT COMES TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN PROTECTED FROM SUCH MEASURES, THE PROCESS OF CHANGE IS UNLIKELY TO INCREASE IN MOMENTUM AND THE DESCENT INTO VIOLENCE WOULD BE ACCELERATED. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COST IN LIVES WOULD HAVE TO BE COUNTED IN MILLIONS."

CANADA BELIEVES WE MUST MAINTAIN A STEADY, BUILDING, PRESSURE AGAINST APARTHEID, ENLISTING ACTION BY ALL NATIONS, AND WE WELCOME THE COMMITMENT REFLECTED IN THE ASEAN DECLARATION. I HOLD THE VIEW THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT REGION, AND SPECIFICALLY IN SOUTH AFRICA, ARE MORE AND MORE GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR COUNTRIES - AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, WHICH SOME OF YOU ARE, OR THE NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT, OR THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. WE IN CANADA HAVE SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY ON THIS MATTER AND HAVE INITIATED A SERIES OF STEPS TO MAKE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE RACIST REGIME WHICH EXISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. I AM HOPEFUL THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL AGREE. IT IS IN OUR LONG-TERM INTERESTS TO DEVELOP JOINT ACTIONS THAT WILL SEND A STRONG AND UNAMBIGUOUS MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA THAT ITS POLICIES AND ACTIONS MUST CHANGE.

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