

WIDE CONCERNS

THOSE SURVEYED EXPRESSED A WIDE RANGE OF CONCERNS FOR THE BLACK MAJORITY, INCLUDING THE DETENTION OF SECURITY PRISONERS WITHOUT TRIAL AND THE LOWER WAGES AND HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR BLACKS COMPARED TO WHITES.

EARLIER TUESDAY, COMMONWEALTH FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS IN AN INDEPENDENT REPORT FOR INCREASED SANCTIONS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A COMMONWEALTH HEADS-OF-GOVERNMENT MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, IN OCTOBER.

BUT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JOE CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COMMITTEE, SAID HE FORESEES NO NEW CANADIAN TRADE SANCTIONS AGAINST PRETORIA'S APARTHEID POLICIES IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE INDEPENDENT REPORT PREPARED FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SAYS PRESENT SANCTIONS HAVE ONLY PARTLY SUCCEEDED IN MEETING THEIR OBJECTIVES AND ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO END APARTHEID.

RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE A TIGHTENING CONDITIONS FOR DEBT REPAYMENT, A BAN ON NEW BANK LENDING, A BAN ON THE SALE OF ALL VEHICLES, VEHICLE PARTS, COMPUTERS AND AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY.

THE REPORT'S AUTHOR, JOE HANLON, SAID THE COMMONWEALTH HAS FALLEN BEHIND NORDIC COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE SCOPE OF ITS TRADE SANCTIONS. HE RECOMMENDED A TOTAL BAN ON TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

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