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MCDUGALL TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN HARARE, ZIMBABWE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today that she will be attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) October 16 to 22, in Harare, Zimbabwe.

As Chairperson of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, Mrs. McDougall will report to CHOGM on its recent meeting in New Delhi, September 13-14.

The Committee reviewed the Commonwealth's policy on sanctions against South Africa, and agreed to recommend to Heads of Government that Commonwealth "people-to-people" sanctions now be lifted. It also clarified conditions for the lifting of economic and sporting sanctions.

The Committee was created at the 1987 Vancouver CHOGM and includes Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Malaysia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

While in Harare, the Minister will also participate in a number of bilateral meetings with her Commonwealth counterparts.

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