

in place to protect the black majority must not be abandoned and at the same time, we must search for new ways to develop the skills - entrepreneurial and technical - that will be required in a post-apartheid South Africa. In this endeavour, narrow profit motives must not be the paramount considerations.

Mr. President,

South Africa's neighbours have suffered grievous damage from Pretoria's policies of disruption and intervention. This was underlined to me by President Kaunda and other front line leaders last year following the Nairobi Conference. There is now a real prospect of South African retaliation for international or regional sanctions against apartheid. It is important that these countries know that the international community is ready to assist in the event of hardship and interventions from South Africa.

The Canadian Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, has made clear Canada's commitment to work with other countries to assist southern African states to meet the challenge. The Canadian Minister for External Relations, Monique Landry, met President Kaunda only a week ago to reassure him of Canada's commitment.

Of course we have long been a contributor to regional development and we have worked to reduce dependency on South Africa through bilateral programmes and through the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC). Now in cooperation with the SADCC we want to review needs and develop plans to meet contingencies. In addition to developing projects we will also help private importers to explore the possibilities of increasing trade with the SADCC countries in the face of disruption to normal trade patterns.

In the context of the Front Line States, mourning as we do the untimely death of Samora Machel, we welcome the selection of Joaquim Chissano as his successor as the new President of Mozambique. He is a man of great stature and experience. That experience will be a valuable asset in facing the many challenges now confronting his country.

I stand here Mr. President, as a white parliamentarian, representing the government of a truly integrated, multicultural and multiracial society. One in five Canadians is now of the visible minorities and the ratio, we are proud to say, is growing. Our indigenous