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THE THIRD ANNUAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CANADIAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today welcomed the tabling in the House of Commons of the 3rd Annual Code of Conduct for Canadian Companies Operating in South Africa by M. Jean-Guy Hudon, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to Mr. Clark.

The Code of Conduct sets standards for employees of Canadian companies and their affiliates in the areas of working conditions, collective bargaining, the circumstances of migrant labour, wages, training and advancement, benefits, race relations, encouragement of black business and social justice. Nine companies, and the Canadian Embassy, have reported under the Code.

Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation for the excellent work of Mr. John Small, Administrator of the Code. Mr. Clark noted with satisfaction the compliance of Canadian companies who have reported and expressed the hope that the annual reports would continue to indicate that Canadian businesses in South Africa are setting suitably high standards in employment conditions. Mr. Clark also stated that they have shown, by their voluntary compliance, the broad support in Canada for the Government's policies on combatting apartheid.

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