

- The SABC's partiality in covering the transition process has resulted in the broadcast of propaganda rather than much needed information and education. At this vital juncture the SABC must adhere to the commitment to impartiality.

- The draft electoral and Constituent Assembly proclamations contain several elements which, if unchanged, threaten the holding of free and fair elections, the work of the Constituent Assembly and the transition to independence.

With regard to your Government's general approach to neighbouring states, South Africa continues to stand accused of acts of destabilization against its neighbours. On the basis of our own assessments, studies we have received and observations of my Foreign Ministers colleagues from the Front-Line States, it is clear that destabilization poses a continuing threat to the region.

Reconstruction of countries in the region ravaged by military conflict, fueled by South Africa, will be a difficult task. It will require peace and stability. Apartheid, and its external face, destabilization, perpetuate violence and conflict. While Canada and others provide substantial economic support to the region, bilaterally and through SADCC, we recognize that those countries will never achieve their true potential while the apartheid system remains in place. Once apartheid is truly dismantled we would be pleased to join with South Africa in mutual cooperation and development efforts.

That central issue, apartheid, was not addressed in your letter. In my previous correspondence, I urged you to take actions along the lines of the Nassau Accord which would allow us to draw more positive conclusions about developments in the region, particularly in South Africa, at our Canberra meeting. My colleagues and I did note the National Party's talk of bringing about reform and negotiating a new constitution with representatives of all racial groups. We were compelled, however, to register our profound disappointment that there has been no concrete action towards the fundamental change that is required.

The National Party's reform manifesto remains rooted in group rather than individual rights. Severe restriction orders have been placed on most of those who were recently released from detention without trial. Other political prisoners remain incarcerated, including Nelson Mandela. Press censorship continues. The majority of your fellow citizens are excluded from voting in the September elections by virtue of their skin colour. The forced incorporation of black communities into the "homelands" continues. Your government has announced it will appoint seventy officials to enforce Group Areas Act violations. The State of Emergency is now in its fourth consecutive year. These demonstrate that the basic elements of apartheid, which political repression is designed to protect, remain fundamentally unaltered.

We have responded to this situation with a package of measures, including sanctions, to put pressure on your government to enter negotiations with genuine leaders of the majority towards non-racial, representative government.