

On February 2, Parliament will reconvene in South Africa. In early May, the CFM, which I chair, will meet in Nigeria to discuss developments since Kuala Lumpur. These two dates bracket a period of immense significance for us all.

For during this period that Mr. de Klerk must prove he is not offering another "false spring". It is during this period that the majority in South Africa expects concrete progress towards real change. It is reasonable that, in the six months since his election, Mr. de Klerk has been preparing his hand. Now he must begin to show it.

We are entering a period when Mr. de Klerk's courage and imagination will be tested. And we are entering a period where flexibility and moderation will be required on all sides.

Canada, along with the majority in South Africa, expects a true Spring, not a false one.