

returned to Canada, along with about 30 military personnel. After the return tomorrow of the main group of Canadian soldiers, the RCMP officers and approximately 25 military personnel will remain in Namibia until March.

The work of the Constituent Assembly elected in November has progressed extremely well. The Assembly has unanimously endorsed in principle a draft constitution which provides for an entrenched bill of rights, an executive presidency responsible to a bicameral legislature elected by proportional representation, an independent judiciary, regular multiparty elections and abolition of the death penalty -- all in accord with the UN constitutional principles of 1982 strongly supported by Canada. Final approval of the constitution is expected later this month, with complete independence to follow in March.