

INTRODUCTION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today delivered a keynote foreign policy address on South Africa to the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

This is the first major speech on the subject by Mr. Clark since the South African election on September 6.

The speech clearly spells out the Canadian Government's agenda on this issue leading up to the Commonwealth heads of Government meeting in Kuala Lumpur from October 18 to 24. Specifically, the speech outlines the rationale for Canadian policy towards South Africa, describes the circumstances surrounding this pivotal moment in the region's history and outlines practical suggestions on how the international community can encourage the process of substantial reform.

Mr. Clark will accompany Prime Minister Mulroney to this summit, and will submit a report to the meeting as Chairman of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Minister.