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McDOUGALL TO MEET CHIEF BUTHELEZI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, will meet with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu and Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader, on November 17 in Ottawa. Chief Buthelezi is in Canada on a private visit.

"We believe that the only path to democracy, peace and security in South Africa is through multi-party negotiations toward a new constitution," said Mrs. McDougall. "I welcome the opportunity to talk with Chief Buthelezi to convey Canada's deep concern over the continuing violence in South Africa. I will urge him to go back to the negotiating table."

Canada is actively involved in international efforts to monitor and address the violence in South Africa. As Chairperson of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, Mrs. McDougall is in regular contact with all parties in South Africa and Foreign Minister colleagues to discuss the situation in South Africa and to find constructive solutions to ending the violence. Canada is participating in the Commonwealth observer team in South Africa, in support of UN Security Council Resolution 772.

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