

The remaining 203 Canadian troops for UNTAG will depart Ottawa and Trenton on Wednesday, April 12. Most will arrive in Namibia the next day, and all by Friday, April 14. Approximately one-third will immediately take up their previously-assigned logistical support duties. The remainder will receive a variety of temporary assignments in keeping with UNTAG deployment activities and likely will take up their previously-assigned tasks in late April. Prior to their departure, the Associate Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Mary Collins, visited the troops yesterday at Canadian Forces Base Pettawawa.

Canada remains committed to the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 435 and 632, which is the objective of the withdrawal plan and which provides for UN-supervised elections in Namibia in November. Namibians outside the country, including SWAPO personnel, are to start returning peacefully next month to participate in the elections through a UN High Commissioner for Refugees program to which Canada has contributed some \$2 million.