

The Parliamentary observers' report includes the following highlights:

- high levels of voter registration constituted a "remarkable achievement".
- election procedures should focus on rapid counting, a secret ballot and a campaign to build public confidence in the latter.
- to minimize intimidation, "Koevoet", although slated for disbandment under Security Council Resolutions 435 and 640, should first be fully confined to base and effectively monitored until the election, then disbanded and retrained.
- an eventual Constitution should be determined by the Assembly without South African interference and should incorporate the 1982 Constitutional Principles agreed by all parties.
- Canada should assist Namibia's post-independence development and encourage investment in that country.

Canada has already assisted the transition process by providing peacekeeping forces, refugee aid, diplomatic observer presence, ballot boxes, technical expertise and before long further support to the United Nations in the form of police monitors and election supervisors.

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