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A JOINT STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE GERARD PELLETIER,
SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA AND THE HONOURABLE
MITCHELL SHARP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION

Canadians are urged to observe March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, by contributing to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa and the U. N. Consolidated Educational and Training Program for Southern Africans.

In a joint statement, the Honourable Gérard Pelletier, Secretary of State of Canada, and the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, ask the people of Canada to show their determination to honour the intent of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through voluntary contributions to these programmes and through support for the principle that all peoples should live in harmony, dignity and equality with one another.

Following is the text of the statement:

"The Canadian Government believes that the observance of this International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will remind Canadians that although much has been accomplished toward the elimination of racial discrimination much remains to be done.

"The United Nations has been responsible for a large measure of progress made in the world toward mutual respect and understanding between peoples and nations. Canada has played its part in the furtherance of this work of the United Nations.