

## Poll says no to sanctions

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The South African embassy struck back yesterday at the call for more economic sanctions, releasing a poll which says Canadians oppose such measures if they hurt the black majority.

The embassy, which has had the poll since May, only released it as Commonwealth Foreign Ministers met in Australia to consider further sanctions.

The \$60,000-poll indicated that 61% of Canadians support sanctions in principle. But asked if they would support sanctions or trade restrictions "if they resulted in hardship for black South Africans," only 37% said yes and 52% were opposed.

Ambassador Hendrik de Klerk said there is "abundant evidence that black South Africans do not want sanctions."

But Jabu Dube, a spokesman for the African National Congress, said the embassy interpreted the issue in "light of its own racist philosophy."

Dube said most black South Africans would gladly suffer under effective sanctions for a short time because they would bring the apartheid regime down.

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