

Botswana, New Democratic Party MP Howard McCurdy called on the Government to "immediately recall its ambassador...and act immediately to implement economic sanctions against South Africa."³⁵

Shortly before the Government announced its new measures in September, Mr. McCurdy asked the Prime Minister whether he would not "accept the judgement of oppressed South Africans that tough sanctions are necessary...impose mandatory sanctions and go to the Commonwealth Conference to exert the kind of leadership that black South Africa expects?"³⁶

That same day Mr. Allmand of the Liberal Party outlined, in the House, the position he had taken during an all-party consultation on South Africa. He noted that while the Government's statement of 6 July was "a step in the right direction...it was not enough. The Code of Conduct is still a voluntary code. It is not mandatory and, strictly speaking, there were no economic sanctions imposed against South Africa." Given the deterioration of the situation in that country over the past months and the failure of the past policy of combining pressure with dialogue, noted Mr. Allmand, "It is time for something new."³⁷

Both opposition parties welcomed the Government's announcement on 13 September 1985 of tougher measures against South Africa, although each party had reservations about the measures. Jean Chretien of the Liberal Party commented that a deadline for action was needed and that he was "disappointed that the Minister could not impose sanctions or give orders to certain people in Canada, many of whom we can give orders to, not to do business with South Africa."³⁸ Pauline Jewett of the NDP suggested that

³⁵ Commons Debates, 18 June 1985, p.5905.

³⁶ Commons Debates, 10 September 1985, p.6489.

³⁷ Ibid., p. 6483.

³⁸ Commons Debates, 13 September 1985, p. 6590.