

GUIDELINES ON OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

The following policy guidelines concern official contacts with South Africa and replace the previous "Guidelines on Official Visits to and from South Africa". They clarify without substantively modifying the latter.

A. General Guidelines

1. For the purpose of these guidelines:

official means an employee or agent of the Canadian or South African Governments, or one of their agencies, corporations or parastatal institutions, acting within the scope of his or her responsibilities;

contact means a meeting, conference, seminar, or visit involving contact between South African and Canadian officials.

2. It is the policy of the Government of Canada, in conformity with its international commitments, that there should be minimal official contacts with officials, departments or agencies of the South African Government in the interest of avoiding, either directly or indirectly, support for the enforcement or preservation of apartheid.
3. As a general rule, Canadian officials should not accept, directly or indirectly, travel funds or honoraria from South African sources because the South African Government assists many private organizations in the holding of conferences and meetings.
4. Canada abides by a Commonwealth Heads of Government agreement to discourage all contacts with or activities involving South Africa in the cultural and scientific sphere, except where these contribute towards the ending of apartheid or have no possible role in promoting it. Canadian officials should therefore not participate in cultural or scientific events in Canada or in visits to Canada involving South African officials without prior reference to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.
5. With some specific exceptions listed in Part B below, Canadian officials should not attend meetings, conferences or seminars in Canada, in an official capacity, which are also attended by South African officials. In the case of an international meeting in Canada which South African officials might be expected to attend, in order to comply