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BUDGET

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CANBERRA (CP) - WAYS OF STRENGTHENING SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND A POSSIBLE BOYCOTT OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN AUCKLAND IN JANUARY WILL BE DISCUSSED NEXT WEEK BY COMMONWEALTH FOREIGN MINISTERS LED BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JOE CLARK.

CLARK, JUST DAYS AFTER ATTENDING THE CAMBODIAN CONFERENCE IN PARIS, WILL TURN HIS ATTENTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA AS HE AND HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM SEVEN OTHER COUNTRIES MEET IN THIS AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL BEGINNING MONDAY.

THE GROUP - WHICH CONSISTS OF CANADA, AUSTRALIA, GUYANA, INDIA, NIGERIA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE - LAST MET IN HARARE IN FEBRUARY. THE CANBERRA CONFERENCE WILL LIKELY BE ITS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO DRAFT A REPORT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, IN OCTOBER.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COMMITTEE WAS CREATED BY THE VANCOUVER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN 1987 TO PROVIDE FURTHER COMMONWEALTH OBJECTIVES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

#### TO REVIEW LINKS

CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE THREE-DAY CANBERRA MEETING, WILL LEAD THE GROUP IN DISCUSSIONS ON REVIEWING SOUTH AFRICA'S LINKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMMUNITY AND FINANCIAL SANCTIONS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN MINISTER RUSSELL MARSHALL, WHO WILL ARGUE AGAINST A BOYCOTT OF THE GAMES IN HIS COUNTRY.

A BLACK AFRICAN BOYCOTT OVER BRITAIN'S SPORTING TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED THE 1986 EDINBURGH COMMONWEALTH GAMES. THE POSSIBILITY OF A 1990 BOYCOTT IN AUCKLAND WAS INCREASED EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN 16 ENGLISH CRICKETERS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL PLAY IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE NEXT TWO SEASONS.

SIR SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL WHO WILL MEET WITH CLARK ON SUNDAY PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE OPENING, CALLED THE CRICKETERS' MOVE "AN ACT OF TREACHERY" AND DESCRIBED THE PLAYERS AS "UTTERLY SELFISH." SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES CALLED FOR BOYCOTT PLANS OF THE GAMES IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOESN'T CONDEMN THE TOUR.

ON TUESDAY, A BOOK ENTITLED APARTHEID AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCE WILL RECEIVE ITS WORLD LAUNCH.

THE BOOK, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT FINANCIAL SANCTIONS ARE NEEDED TO FORCE CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, WAS WRITTEN BY KEITH OUVENDEN OF NEW ZEALAND AND TONY COLE OF AUSTRALIA AND RECEIVED THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT WAYS OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS AND OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HOW TO COUNTERACT THE COUNTRY'S PROPAGANDA AND CENSORSHIP.

THE HARARE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT SOUTH AFRICA END APARTHEID AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH "GENUINE BLACK LEADERS TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-RACIAL DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY."

#### ACTIVISTS JAILED

THE CONFERENCE'S COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA WERE OUTHWEIGHED BY NEGATIVE ONES. IT CRITICIZED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR CONTINUING TO JAIL ACTIVISTS FOR ORGANIZING OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND SAID THE COUNTRY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF DESTABILIZATION OF ITS NEIGHBORS.

THE HARARE CONFERENCE, ACTING ON A CANADIAN PROPOSAL, SUGGESTED A STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN AN EFFORT TO HALT THE COUNTRY'S DESTABILIZATION ATTEMPTS.

IN JOHANNESBURG, PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS ASSAILED CLARK FOR HIS ROLE IN URGING TOUGHER ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

"OUR ADVICE TO MR. CLARK IS TO KEEP HIS NOSE OUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S AFFAIRS," SAID THE CITIZEN, A JOHANNESBURG DAILY.

CANADA WAS CRITICIZED DURING THE CONFERENCE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE, ALFRED NZO, WHO SAID THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD TIGHTEN ITS LAWS TO COUNTER A RECENT INCREASE IN TRADE WITH PRETORIA.

CLARK ADMITTED THAT HE WAS EMBARRASSED BY THE STATISTICS CANADA FIGURES FROM JANUARY THAT SHOWED CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA ROSE TO \$149 MILLION LAST YEAR FROM \$89.4 MILLION.

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