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CANADA INCREASES EDUCATION AND DEMOCRATIC DIALOGUE FUNDS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

ABUJA, NIGERIA. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that Canada would provide an additional \$1 million this year to expand Canada's education and training programs for black South Africans. Half of the additional \$1 million will be allocated for higher-level management training, and the remaining \$500,000 will be dedicated to other educational programs. This increased funding is in addition to more than \$8 million Canada is already spending in 1990 on a range of education assistance programs for South Africa.

Mr. Clark also announced a substantial increase in funding for the Canadian Fund for the Promotion of Dialogue and Negotiations Towards a Non-Racial, Democratic South Africa. This brings to \$1.8 million the amount committed to the Dialogue Fund in 1990, over the \$1 million spent in 1989.

Mr. Clark made the announcements to the Committee of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, whose two-day meeting in Abuja, Nigeria ends today. In his address to the opening session of the Committee, attended by Nelson Mandela and other dignitaries, Mr. Clark highlighted the vital importance of assistance to black South Africans in the areas of education, training and work experience. "There is an urgent need for more programs to provide potential black leaders with practical experience in running large corporations in both the private and public sectors."