

"I believe Nelson Mandela will meet the enormous challenge that lies ahead. A just settlement will require all of the talent, vision and moderation that he and other South African leaders, black and white, can muster. We very much look forward to an opportunity to hearing at last from Mr. Mandela on his vision for a new South Africa."

The Prime Minister reiterated that the commitment of the Canadian Government and people does not end with Nelson Mandela's release. We will continue to try to find the most effective means of exerting our influence on the situation. The Prime Minister indicated that we stand ready to assist, in any way, the process of negotiations.

"I know the people of Canada would wish to join me in extending greetings to a free Nelson Mandela and wishing him and other South African leaders strength, wisdom and courage in the important task of building a new, just order in South Africa".