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SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA

The Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announced today that the Canadian Government had expressed its profound concern to the South African Ambassador in Ottawa about the recent South African military actions in Angola.

The South African Ambassador was informed that the Government of Canada condemns the latest military operations which represent an escalation of violence in the area. Such actions can only increase the Angolan Government's concern for its security and render it more dependent on external assistance. It was emphasized that international boundaries and sovereignties must be respected if there is to be peace in Southern Africa. The Government of Canada calls on South Africa to end its illegal occupation of Southern Angola and Namibia and believes that this would be the most effective way of strengthening peace and security in the region. It further urges South Africa to abide by recent Security Council resolutions which call for South Africa's withdrawal from Angola.

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