

CHANGE. AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, WE BELIEVE THAT DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD EXIST EVEN THOUGH GOVERNMENTS MIGHT DISAGREE. INDEED, IF WE HAD ACCEPTED SIX MONTHS AGO THE ADVICE OF SOME GROUPS THAT WE BREAK ALL DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WE WOULD BE IN NO POSITION TODAY TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY OR IN CONCERT WITH OTHER NATIONS TO ADD TO THE PRESSURE BEING FELT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

WE FULLY RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT CANADA HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE MORAL AND PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL INVOKE FULL SANCTIONS UNLESS THERE IS TANGIBLE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM APARTHEID.

I WILL BE REVIEWING THE ACTIONS CANADA HAS TAKEN, ANNOUNCING NEW INITIATIVES TODAY, AND ASKING THE HOUSE TO CONSIDER AVENUES OF INFLUENCE WHICH WE, AND OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, AND OUR FRIENDS IN THE WORLD CAN PURSUE. BUT FIRST, I THINK IT HELPFUL TO INDICATE SOME OF THE CHANGES WE SEEK TO BRING ON THOSE NORMS OF BEHAVIOUR WE EXPECT OF ALL CIVILIZED COUNTRIES, CHANGES WHICH WOULD PROVE THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS MOVING AWAY FROM APARTHEID.