

DISPUTES EFFECTIVENESS

"I DON'T SEE THAT AS AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON AT THIS STAGE," CLARK SAID SUNDAY. "THE GREAT ADVANTAGE OF THE (CURRENT) COMMONWEALTH EFFORT IS THAT WE CAN CAUSE OTHERS TO COME WITH US."

SPEAKING FURTHER ABOUT THE REPORT TODAY, CLARK SAID: "THESE EXPERTS ARE INDEPENDENT OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT THEIR OWN VIEWS."

"THEY HAVE PROVIDED US WITH A FAR-REACHING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SANCTIONS DEBATE."

THE REPORT WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY IN HARARE. RESEARCHER JOE HANLON, THE REPORT'S AUTHOR, SAID HE WAS NOT DISMAYED BY CLARK'S COMMENTS.

"THE WHOLE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT REPORT IS TO CREATE SOME DISCUSSION, AND THIS HAS OBVIOUSLY DONE THAT," SAID HANLON, A FORMER NEW YORKER WHO NOW LIVES IN LONDON.

CLARK ALSO SAID SUNDAY THAT TRADE AND OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT MUST CONTINUE "UNTIL THERE IS CLEAR PROOF THAT APARTHEID IS BEING DISMANTLED."

"WE ARE IN THIS FIGHT TO BRING AN END TO APARTHEID, AND THAT WILL BE A PRIORITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT UNTIL THAT BATTLE IS WON."

HIS REMARKS WERE PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT CRITICISM ABOUT CANADA'S COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID.

MEANWHILE, A SENIOR CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW A UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT PARTY SPOKESMAN TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CONFERENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT AZHAR CACHALIA, TREASURER OF THE FRONT, WAS DENIED A PASSPORT BECAUSE HE HAD STAYED OUT OF THE COUNTRY TOO LONG WITHOUT GOVERNMENT PERMISSION THE LAST TIME HE TRAVELLED OVERSEAS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID CACHALIA HAD MET BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER AND U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ON THAT TRIP.

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