

Canada is playing a significant role in Southern Africa, and is one of the leading donors to the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC). In 1986-87 the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) provided over \$30 million in assistance to Mozambique:

- \$20 million to rebuild the railway which is vital to Mozambique and Southern Africa and to support other projects in the transportation and telecommunications sectors;
- \$6.7 million in food aid;
- \$2.2 million for humanitarian emergency aid, including \$1 million in response to an appeal from the United Nations Disaster and Relief Organization;
- \$1.2 million for a three-year, community-based food production project undertaken by CUSO;
- \$1.2 million for a number of other projects undertaken by seven Canadian NGOs.

Apart from Mozambique, the Secretary of State for External Affairs is also visiting the Ivory Coast and Zambia during his five-day trip to Africa. Mr. Clark's trip is part of the preparations for the Summit meetings of la Francophonie and the Commonwealth, which Canada will be hosting in September and October, respectively.

"I am looking forward to a full discussion of the situation in Southern Africa and the crisis in Mozambique in particular, at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Vancouver in October", said the External Affairs Minister.