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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark and the Minister of Communications, the Honourable Flora MacDonald, announced today that the Toronto arts and entertainment community would be hosting a festival in conjunction with the meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa that will be held in Toronto on August 2 and 3, 1988 under the chairmanship of Mr. Clark.

Sponsored by the Department of External Affairs, the festival under the theme "Rekindle the Light" will feature performances and dedications by hundreds of members of Toronto's arts and entertainment community in support of the people of South Africa. Highlights of the festival will include the world premiere of the Cannes award winning film "A WORLD APART"; a mixed-media exhibit on censorship in South Africa entitled: "Banned, Censored, Jailed ... but not Silenced" to be set up in the Toronto City Hall Rotunda; and a jazz concert at Harbourfront featuring musicians Abdullah Ibrahim and Oliver Jones. In addition, David Foster will dedicate "Tears are Not Enough" at his Ontario Place Performance and on August 2, about 15,000 Torontonians will be involved in simultaneous candlelighting ceremonies across the city at 10:04 P.M. In all, over thirty events will be featured in this festival.

In addition to these cultural events, there will be a one day public forum on South African censorship and propaganda held in Toronto City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 2. Chaired by Archbishop Edward Scott, this forum will feature moderators and discussants coming from Africa, including Nigeria and South Africa, as well as from the United States, Britain and Canada.