

upon which human rights are based. It must help to focus world attention on the systematic repression that continues to be used by the Government of South Africa to quash the social and political unrest that arises in response to apartheid. The world must remain conscious of the fact that in South Africa the Government jails those who seek change peacefully rather than negotiate with them. About 2500 people are estimated to be held without charge in South African jails, some of whom are children. This demonstrates clearly the moral bankruptcy of the apartheid system. The Commission's work is all the more important since instead of allowing constructive debate, the Government of South Africa has strengthened its instruments of censorship and propaganda in what ultimately will be an unsuccessful campaign to blind the world to the truth about apartheid.

Canada will continue to work with this Commission and in other fora to focus attention on the cruel nature of apartheid and pressure South Africa to dismantle that system and bring about fundamental change.