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## Canada announces trade sanctions against South Africa

*During a debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons on December 19, Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson announced that Canada would impose trade sanctions against South Africa, including the withdrawal of commercial consuls at Johannesburg and Cape Town. Excerpts from Mr. Jamieson's statement follow:*

As the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) indicated in the House some two weeks ago on December 5, Canada, along with a great many other countries, has been re-examining what attitude it ought to take beyond what has already been done by the world community in response to those actions which in recent times have been undertaken in South Africa, and to which we in Canada take the strongest possible objection and with which we, and I am sure this extends well beyond the Government of Canada, are in major disagreement.

It is true, of course, that there are other countries of the world where there are clear violations and a disregard for human rights. There, too, Canada is expressing its concern as are all members of this House.

### Unique stand

South Africa, however, stands alone. It is the only country which as a basic part of its government structure, and whether it is constitutional in the legal sense is beside the point, has a declared and unequivocal policy: It stands apart as a country which makes decisions affecting human beings on the basis of race and colour. Therefore, over time it is not surprising that the attitudes of the vast majority of the countries of the world have become harder, particularly during these past months when we have seen an increase in the amount of repression, rioting and especially in the disturbances which followed the still unexplained death of a respectable and respected black leader of South Africa, Steve Biko.

Along with others, Canada has been asking what further steps we ought to take in order to display and to demonstrate our disapproval of the present re-

gime and our disapproval of *apartheid*. We strongly believe that what must come in South Africa is the destruction of that kind of system and the introduction of the principle of one man, one vote and of the normal democratic process which all of us in this part of the world take for granted.

I am therefore announcing today that Canada is phasing out all of its government-sponsored commercial support activities in South Africa.

For example, we will as quickly as possible withdraw our commercial counselors from Johannesburg and close the Consulate General in that city. We will also withdraw our commercial officers from Cape Town. We will, of course, maintain our offices in Pretoria for normal business because we do not feel that the breaking off of diplomatic relations at this time is advisable. We still wish to have an opportunity to do what we can in order to impress upon the Government of South Africa the necessity for change. We also want to have an opportunity to talk to respected leaders who are opposed to *apartheid* in South Africa.

### Other measures

In addition to this phasing out of our commercial activities, we will also withdraw all Export Development Corporation government-account support from any transactions relating to South Africa. This involves, for example, export credit insurance and loan insurance as well as foreign investment insurance. This is a step which is not as complete as may very well come in time. We are examining the implications and the possibilities for other such actions.

After consultation with the Canadian

The first prime minister of Canada, John A. Macdonald, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, 163 years ago today.

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