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MONIQUE LANDRY ANNOUNCES BILATERAL PROGRAM FOR MOZAMBIQUE
AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR OTHER FRONT-LINE STATES

OTTAWA--External Relations Minister Monique Landry announced today that Canada will establish a bilateral aid program for Mozambique and increase annual funding to the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) from \$30 million to nearly \$40 million per year by the early 1990s. SADCC is the regional economic organization of nine Southern African states (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe).

"We will continue our strong support of the front-line states, while paying particular special and urgent attention to the needs of Mozambique in light of its critical geographical position", said Mrs. Landry.

The Minister indicated that details of the Canadian bilateral aid program for Mozambique are now being discussed with the government of that country. Canada will commit funds to this program beginning in 1989-90.

Mrs. Landry also added that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark will sign three Memoranda of Understanding during his current visit to Arusha, Tanzania. These three programs are being funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The first, an \$8.6 million bean improvement program, will provide support to bean research efforts, an important crop in the SADCC region. Four scientists will be based in Arusha at the regional research station.

Secondly, Canada will also contribute \$2.1 million for the collection and publication of water resource data in the SADCC region, particularly within the Zambezi Basin.

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Thirdly, SATCC, the Southern African Transport and Communications Commission, based in Maputo, Mozambique, will receive \$8.9 million for technical services. This is the second phase of a project designed to identify, analyze and resolve problems in the region's transportation and communications networks.

"These projects and others are indicative of Canada's commitment to regional cooperation in Southern Africa", concluded the Minister.

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