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JOE CLARK ANNOUNCES \$14.7 MILLION FOR SECOND PHASE
OF THE CANADIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SOUTH AFRICA

CANBERRA--The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Honourable Monique Landry today announced that Canada will provide \$14.7 million for the second phase of the Canadian Education Program in South Africa (CEPSA) to provide education and training for disadvantaged black South Africans.

"Education is key to social change in South Africa," Mr. Clark said. "This developmental initiative is preparing the black community for full participation and leadership in a post-apartheid society".

The \$8.2 million first phase of this CIDA-financed project, which began in 1985 and due to end this year, was implemented successfully in four major components:

- undergraduate and graduate scholarships in South Africa;
- the Canadian Education Fund (CEF) which supports small-scale initiatives in community-based education;
- labour education; and
- in-Canada scholarships, administered by the South Africa Education Trust Fund.

Second phase components will include internal scholarships, an expanded CEF, in-Canada and Third country scholarships for black South Africans who are resident in South Africa or who are refugees, labour education, special studies, project monitoring and evaluation.

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Emphasis will be put on the training of black South Africans in critical skill areas, the promotion of stronger linkages between Canadians and South Africans working together for a democratic South Africa, as well as support for other Canadian government efforts to promote meaningful change in South Africa. Special attention will be paid to the promotion of human rights, the role of women, and black interests within strategic sectors of the economy.

In view of the current situation in South Africa, the Honourable Monique Landry has confirmed that Canada's bilateral program in South Africa (CEPSA and Canada Fund) totalling \$3.38 million in the 1988-89 fiscal year will remain at similar levels in the present fiscal year (1989-90).

Another \$2.2 million has been committed in the two-year period ending March 1990 for programs designed to promote dialogue amongst South Africans and to combat South African propaganda and censorship.

Mr. Clark made the announcement at the fourth meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa being held in Canberra, Australia.