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CANADA ACTS ON UN REQUEST

TO SEND ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO NAMIBIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada has agreed to the request from the United Nations Secretary General to provide 40 election supervisors for the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) in Namibia. The team of Canadian election supervisors will spend a month in Namibia. UNTAG is the integrated military/police/civilian operation overseeing Namibia's transition to independence including elections to a Constituent Assembly November 7-11.

"Our election supervisors represent a true cross-section of Canada and the finest ideals of its people" said Mr. Clark. "I salute their dedication in giving a month of their own time under difficult conditions to help bring democracy to Africa's last colony, and to help implement a longstanding Canadian foreign policy priority". The Minister also acknowledged the assistance of Elections Canada in recruiting, selecting and briefing the supervisors.

The 40 election supervisors come from all regions of Canada and all walks of life (list attached). They were nominated by the three national political parties and by federal and provincial electoral institutions.

The Canadian team leaves for Namibia from Montreal on Tuesday, October 24, which is, most appropriately, United Nations Day. In Namibia, they will join 800 supervisors from other countries and 500 from the UN Secretariat in providing a level of international election supervision which is probably unprecedented in history. The supervisors will be stationed at

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nearly 400 polling stations throughout the territory. The UN will rely heavily on their collective reporting in fulfilling its responsibility to certify the elections as having been free and fair.

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ELECTION SUPERVISORS - NAMIBIA

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>CITY</u>
Warren Bailie	Ontario	Toronto
Michel Charrier	Ontario	Ottawa
Jean Ouellet	Ontario	Toronto
Jacques Girard	Quebec	Quebec
Henriette Guerin	Quebec	Outremont
Nels Crowther	Alberta	Calgary
D. Murray Mackay	Alberta	Ponoka
Gladys Teske	Alberta	Sherwood Park
Janice Baker	Saskatchewan	Regina
Lise Provost	Quebec	Rouyn-Noranda
Al Dahlo	B.C.	N. Vancouver
Shirley Fell	B.C.	Quathiaski Cove
Bryan Gates	B.C.	Victoria
Carole Scrivener	Manitoba	Winnipeg
Andy Anstett	Manitoba	Hazelridge
Alida Vokey	Newfoundland	Spaniard's Bay
Dermot Whelan	Newfoundland	St. John's
Scovit Hoyt	New Brunswick	Fredericton
Sandy MacDonald	Nova Scotia	Halifax
Merrill Wigginton	PEI	Charlottetown
Layton Schurman	PEI	Summerside
Jo-Ann Waugh	Yukon	Whitehorse
Gary Ouellet	Alberta	Fort McMurray
Yvon Tarte	Quebec	Masham
John Carter	Newfoundland	Harbour Breton
Jim Treble	Manitoba	Crystal City
Elizabeth Hobbs	Newfoundland	Bishop's Falls
Rolly Forget	Ontario	New Liskeard
Geoff Pardoe	Saskatchewan	Swift Current
Al Dale	Newfoundland	St. John's
Norm Ashdown	Alberta	Sherwood Park
Claude Lavoie	Quebec	Montreal
The Hon. John Reid	Ontario	Ottawa
Bob Richardson	Ontario	Toronto
Muriel Smith	Manitoba	Winnipeg
Clifford A. Scotton	B.C.	Nanaimo
Joyce Ella Scotton	B.C.	Nanaimo
Bret D. Snider	Ontario	Toronto
Linda McPhee	Ontario	Windsor
Richard Hatfield	New Brunswick	Fredericton