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PUBLIC FORUM ON SOUTH AFRICAN CENSORSHIP AND PROPAGANDA

TORONTO, AUGUST 2, 1988

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that a one-day Public Forum on South African Censorship and Propaganda will be held in Toronto City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 2. The Forum will be held parallel to the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Committee on Southern Africa meeting chaired by Mr. Clark to be held in Toronto, August 2 and 3.

The Public Forum will begin at 11:00 a.m. It will be open to all who are concerned about restrictions on freedom of expression in South Africa.

The Public Forum will consist of three discussion panels of about ninety minutes each to run consecutively starting at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Each panel will include a moderator and discussants who are known international personalities and/or media representatives well placed to comment on the practice of censorship and propaganda in South Africa. Participants will come from Africa, including Nigeria and South Africa, as well as from the United States, Britain and Canada.

The Chairman of the Public Forum will be Archbishop Edward Scott who as a member of the Eminent Persons Group appointed by Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1985 was asked to assess the possibilities for peaceful change in South Africa.

The programme for the Forum, including the names of participants and the themes of the three panels, is attached.

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PUBLIC FORUM ON SOUTH AFRICAN CENSORSHIP AND PROPAGANDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1988

P R O G R A M M E

11:00 A.M. - PANEL I

THEME: "Why we should care"

Moderator: Roy McMurtry
Canadian High Commissioner to Britain

Panelists: Dr. Nthato Motlana
Head
Soweto Civic Association

Major-General Olusegun Obasanjo
Co-Chairman
Eminent Persons Group

2:00 P.M. - PANEL II

THEME: Censorship

Moderator: Michael Valpy
Columnist
The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

Panelists: Nicholas Ashford
Deputy Foreign Editor
The Independent (London)

Achmat Dangor
Executive Member
Anti-Censorship Action Group
(South Africa)

Joe Thloloe
Deputy Editor,
The Sowetan (South Africa)

3:30 P.M. - PANEL III

THEME: Propaganda

Moderator: Donald Woods
Author and consultant

Panelists: Charlayne Hunter-Gault
MacNeill-Lehrer Newshour

Randall Robinson
Executive Director
TransAfrica
Washington, D.C.

John Owen
Chief News Editor
The National, CBC-TV

Nota Bene: All of the Panels will be held in Toronto City Hall Council Chambers. Any additions or changes to this programme will be announced in due course.