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CANADIANS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN FOURTH VOLUME OF THE ANTI-APARTHEID REGISTER

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that the Department of External Affairs will produce a fourth volume of the Anti-Apartheid Register.

The Anti-Apartheid Register lists individuals and organizations in Canada who have taken action aimed at encouraging the South African Government to dismantle apartheid. Over 11,000 Canadians have already asked to be listed in the Register.

In his letter inviting Canadians to participate in this year's Register, Mr. Clark noted that apartheid continues to be practised in South Africa and that "basic human rights are denied to black South Africans solely because of their race". He added "Apartheid is an unconscionable and systematic denial of human dignity. The Anti-Apartheid Register provides an opportunity to express our abhorrence of this system."

Canadians who want to be included in the Register can obtain postage-paid signature cards at passport offices across Canada or by contacting the Domestic Communications Division at the Department of External Affairs.

The Anti-Apartheid Register was created in 1985 to give Canadians a way to express their abhorrence of apartheid. Participants in the first three volumes have listed a range of actions they

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have taken to demonstrate their opposition to apartheid such as boycotting South African products, writing to their Member of Parliament, writing to the South African Government, organizing public education events and providing financial assistance to groups working in South Africa to end apartheid. Like the earlier volumes, the fourth volume will be presented to the United Nations Secretary General in the fall.

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