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McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES \$10.3 MILLION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today announced an increase of \$10.3 million in the Canadian program of support to facilitate the transition to a fully democratic and non-racial South Africa. Assistance for public-sector reform will be increased by \$10 million to \$15 million, and \$300,000 is being provided to support community-based policing in South Africa. These funds come out of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Program of Assistance for South Africa.

Mrs. McDougall made the announcement today in Johannesburg following a meeting with Nelson Mandela, President of the African National Congress.

"Canada is very encouraged by the recent and significant progress in the multi-party negotiations in South Africa," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada will continue to provide both political and practical support to the process we expect to lead to a new democratic and non-racial South Africa."

The Canadian public-sector support program, first announced by Prime Minister Mulroney in March 1992, focuses on two activities: working with South Africans to build their capacity to formulate policies in the areas of education, macro-economics and public administration; and the training of South Africans for the post-apartheid Civil Service. South Africans involved in the transition toward democracy, especially those visiting Canada over the past year, have found Canadian experience very relevant to issues now facing South Africa. Canadian approaches in areas such as employment equity, language training and managing diversity can help transform the South African Civil Service to better serve the needs of all South Africans.

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Mrs. McDougall, who is Chairperson of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, is on a three-day visit to South Africa. Tomorrow, the Minister meets with President F.W. de Klerk in Cape Town and on Friday with Foreign Minister Pik Botha. She has also met with Justice Richard Goldstone and others involved with the National Peace Accord, and with representatives of international observer groups.

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