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STATE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY PRESIDENT NYERERE OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

At the invitation of the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mwamilu Julius Nyerere is to make a State Visit to Australia later this month, during a tour of the Asian and Pacific Region.

Announcing this today, the Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, said that President Nyerere would visit Canberra and Sydney from 19 March to 23 March.

Mr. Whitlam said that he looked forward to continuing the fruitful discussions he had had with President Nyerere in Ottawa at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting last year.

"President Nyerere has indicated a particular interest in various aspects of Australia's development which are of relevance to Tanzania's own situation", Mr. Whitlam said.

"These and other aspects of Australian life and development will be covered in the intensive program which has been arranged for him.

"I am sure that all Australians will warmly welcome President Nyerere as a distinguished African and world leader. We recall with admiration the unique role he has played in the attainment of independence by his own country and his role in Tanzania's subsequent development. His personal contribution to the philosophy and practice of self-reliant development, embodied in the ujama program of Tanzania, has been a source of hope to many in the developing world.

The State Visit program of engagements will be announced when details have been settled with the Tanzanian authorities".