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Dear Prime Minister Carney,

Re: Urging Canadian Government - Take Action to Help Stop Gaza Genocide!

First, we want to thank your government for formally taking the action promised on July 30th and having Canada recognize the State of Palestine. This is clearly a very significant step, but with the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and assault on and displacement of Palestinians in the West Bank, it alone is clearly not a sufficient response.

That there is a genocide underway in Gaza can no longer be doubted. This has been documented by numerous reports with extensive supporting evidence. The urgency for action is reflected in the increasing pace at which these reports are being produced, including:

- Two 2024 reports from the UN Special Rapporteur – March 25 and October 7
- A 296-page Amnesty International [report](#) on December 5, 2024
- A July 2025 [report from B'Tselem](#), an Israeli human rights organization
- A Physicians for Human Rights Israel [report](#), also issued July 2025
- An August 31st *International Association of Genocide Scholars* ('IAGS') [resolution](#)

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The most recent addition to this list is [a report](#) published on September 16th by the *UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel* ('the Commission'). Like the other reports, it sets out detailed evidence of the events on and after 7 October 2023. It then applies the Genocide Convention provisions to the facts substantiated by that evidence to reach its conclusion that Israel has committed and continues to commit genocide in Gaza.

The Commission's report is also helpful in its summary of the legal direction provided by previous International Court of Justice ('ICJ') decisions as to the legal obligations on countries to respond to a genocide and as to when those obligations crystalize. The Commission states that all States have had notice of a serious risk of genocide ever since the first provisional measures order made by the ICJ in the *South Africa v. Israel* case. At that point, the duty to prevent genocide was triggered "due to the actual or constructive knowledge of the immediate plausibility that genocide was being or was about to be committed."

The Commission references the ICJ judgment in [Barcelona Traction](#) for stating all States have an obligation to prevent and punish genocide wherever and whenever it occurs or may occur. It also references the ICJ judgment in [Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro](#) for stating that the duty to prevent genocide obligates States to take all necessary steps to try to avoid or stop the commission of genocide. Such duty crystallizes "at the instant that the State learns of, or should normally have learned of, the existence of a serious risk that genocide will be committed."

The Commission recommends that States:

- (a) Employ all means reasonably available to them to prevent the commission of genocide in the Gaza Strip;
- (b) Cease the transfer of arms and other equipment or items, including jet fuel, to the State of Israel or third States where there is reason to suspect their use in military operations that have involved or could involve the commission of genocide;
- (c) Investigate and prosecute those who may be implicated in these crimes under international law;
- (d) Facilitate the investigations and domestic proceedings and take action (including imposing sanctions) against the State of Israel and against individuals or corporations that are involved in or facilitating the commission of genocide or incitement to commit genocide;
- (e) Cooperate with the investigation of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; and
- (f) Intervene in the International Court of Justice proceedings of *South Africa v. Israel*.

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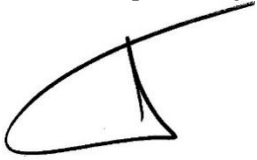
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Many of these recommendations are in line with what we recommended in our August 8th and August 25th letters to you. If the recognition of the State of Palestine by Canada and other countries does not immediately lead to the end of Israel's genocidal actions, we urge Canada to forthwith take actions recommended by the Commission and those recommended in our previous letters.

We also urge that Canada support the Uniting for Peace ('U4P') resolution when it is voted on in the UNGA. The U4P mechanism was first used in 1950 when the veto of one Security Council prevented the Security Council from taking effective action. With a Security Council veto again preventing action to end the Gaza genocide, it has again become essential that the U4P process be used.

We were relieved to hear Ambassador Bob Rae in a September 22nd interview with Matt Galloway on the CBC's The Current state that what is happening in Gaza has to stop; that Canada's obligation is to do everything in its power to make sure it stops; and that every possible step is being considered. Canada obviously recognizes the urgency. Please do not hold back from these recommended actions if Israel does not immediately end its assault on Gaza.

Yours respectfully,



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