

*Date: October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023*

*Subject: Urgent Appeal for Action on Recent Events in Gaza*

*Dear the Right Honorable Mr. Justin Trudeau,*

*We write to you in profound distress over the deplorable mishandling of the catastrophic events that unfolded in Gaza on October 13, 2023. Furthermore, I express my deep concern over the disconcerting silence that has emanated from the Canadian government, indicating a distressing moral and political failure.*

*In a shocking and seemingly calculated move, the Israeli government issued directives compelling the Palestinian civilian population of Gaza to relocate to its southern precincts, ostensibly under the guise of safeguarding their welfare during the ongoing hostilities. This facade crumbled rapidly as numerous Palestinian civilians, dutifully adhering to the Israeli authorities' instructions, found themselves ensnared in a maelstrom of merciless and indiscriminate aerial bombardment perpetrated by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). The resulting carnage constituted a staggering human tragedy, magnified by numerous other war crimes against Palestinian civilians in Gaza.*

*We demand an immediate and unwavering public statement from you, unequivocally condemning the actions of the Israeli government in its treatment of Palestinian civilians. This is not a matter of choice but a moral and political imperative, reflective of Canada's commitment to safeguard the rights and well-being of the Palestinian people, commensurate with Canada's support for Israel.*

*We further insist that you address our nation without delay, condemning Israel's egregious violations of international law with the same vigor as you condemn the actions of Hamas, Russia, and others. Canada must undertake urgent and substantial measures to exert immense pressure on the Israeli government, compelling the immediate cessation of its flagrant war crimes. It is incumbent upon us to advocate for the establishment of a humanitarian corridor. Canada must also proactively engage with the International Criminal Court to enforce an immediate halt to Israel's grave violations of international law. What is being committed in Gaza right now is nothing short of ethnic cleansing, a genocide, collective punishment and a second Nakba.*

*Failure to act promptly would not only constitute an affront to international justice but also cast a damning shadow on Canada's professed dedication to justice, equality, and human rights.*

*We anticipate your immediate and resolute commitment to addressing this matter. The human rights defenders and peace lover are closely watching, and it is Canada's solemn duty to rise to this occasion.*

*Sincerely,*

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