



CANADIAN VOICE OF WOMEN FOR PEACE

Resolution: Upholding International and Humanitarian Law in Palestine

Whereas Canada is a signatory to numerous international conventions and treaties that obligate it to uphold, enforce, and promote international humanitarian and human rights law;

Whereas the ongoing situation in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories has resulted in grave, systematic violations of international law — including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and acts that constitute genocide — as noted by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC);

Whereas settlers and members of the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) continue to perpetrate horrific violence against Palestinian civilians, their homes, their animals, their olive trees, and their lands throughout the West Bank, with impunity;

Whereas numerous Palestinian doctors, nurses, paramedics and veterinarians have been murdered and many, including Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, have been detained by the Israeli forces without charge and subjected to inhumane and torturous conditions, in violation of international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions, which explicitly protect medical personnel in conflict zones;

Whereas journalists in Gaza and the West Bank have been systematically targeted, killed, injured, and detained by Israeli forces for documenting and reporting on the realities of the occupation and the humanitarian crisis, in direct violation of international protections for journalists under the Geneva Conventions and United Nations resolutions on the safety of media workers;

Whereas the Canadian government has an obligation under both domestic and international law to ensure that it does not, directly or indirectly, aid, abet, or remain complicit in violations of international humanitarian law;

Whereas ongoing trade, military, and economic cooperation with Israel, including with companies and entities operating in or profiting from illegal settlements, risks contributing to and legitimizing continuing violations of international law;

Whereas Senator Yuen Pau Woo has introduced a motion in the Senate (October 7, 2025) calling on the Government of Canada to examine the risk to Canada and Canadians of complicity in violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, and to report on its findings within three months of the motion's adoption;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) calls on the Government of Canada to:

1. Fulfill all of its obligations under international and humanitarian law with respect to Palestine, and to act decisively for the protection of the Palestinian people;
2. Denounce publicly and unequivocally the ongoing violence, forced displacement, land theft, and destruction of property and livelihoods perpetrated by Israeli settlers and members of the IOF in the West Bank and Gaza;
3. Call for the immediate release of all Palestinians detained without charge or due process, and for the return of displaced Palestinians to their homes and lands;
4. Call for the immediate release of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya and all Palestinian medical personnel unlawfully detained by Israeli authorities;
5. Call for the protection of all healthcare workers and facilities, as mandated by international law;
6. Call for the protection of journalists and media workers, and an independent international investigation into the targeted killing and detention of Palestinian journalists;
7. Suspend all bilateral trade, arms sales, and military cooperation with Israel until it complies fully with international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions;
8. Impose targeted sanctions on all Israeli settlers, settlement enterprises, financial institutions, and corporations profiting from or supporting the illegal occupation;
9. Publicly support and urge all Senators to vote in favour of Senator Yuen Pau Woo's motion in the Senate, thereby ensuring that Canada examines and reports on its potential complicity in violations of international humanitarian law within the specified three-month period.

Be it further resolved that:

VOW shall communicate this resolution to Members of Parliament, Senators, relevant government departments, and allied civil society organizations, urging coordinated advocacy, transparency, and accountability for Canada's role in upholding international law and human rights in Palestine.

Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

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