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 Canadian statements on Gaza – Act Now

July 26, 2025

Dear Minister Anand:

I am writing to express my deepest concern about the ongoing genocide in Gaza where outright starvation of the people is now taking place. We are witnessing live both the passive murder of a people through starvation and the active murder of these same people when they seek humanitarian aid that is only available through belligerent forces. This is profoundly immoral, illegal, and inhumane.

I commended the government of Canada for the **joint statement issued 19 May 2025** with the leaders from the United Kingdom and France denouncing Israel’s expansion of military operations and denouncing the inadequacy of humanitarian aid noting that “the level of human suffering in Gaza is intolerable.” You rejected statements by some Israeli officials about such suffering serving to coerce Gazans to relocate asserting that permanent forced displacement was a breach of international law. You stressed that **“If Israel does not cease the renewed military offensive and lift its restrictions on humanitarian aid, we will take further concrete actions in response.”**

In the very next paragraph regarding opposition to further expansion of settlements in the West Bank, you again stressed, **“We will not hesitate to take further action, including targeted sanctions.”** See <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2025/05/19/joint-statement-leaders-canada-united-kingdom-and-france-situation> Despite your threat to take action, no significant actions were taken.

Canada issued another **joint statement on 21 July 2025** with 26 partner countriesdeploring the same war crimes (and more) and threatening to once again act if Israel didn’t respond. You emphatically denounced a myriad of Israeli war crimes and explicitly stated that all of these crimes were in violation of international law which was a first. You noted that the “suffering of civilians has reached new depths.” You spoke out about the “drip feeding of aid,” the killing of aid seekers, forced displacement, the illegality of changing of expanding settlements in the West Bank, and the explosion of settler violence against Palestinians.

You concluded the statement with a forceful ultimatum stating, **“We are prepared to take further action to support an immediate ceasefire and a political pathway to security and peace for Israelis, Palestinians and the entire region.”** See <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/07/joint-statement-on-behalf-of-26-partners-on-the-occupied-palestinian-territories.html>

Canada’s statements are commendable; however, their effectiveness is commensurate with the degree of consistency between words and action. **Canada must act.** Implement a comprehensive two-way arms embargo, actively aid in the delivery of humanitarian aid in Gaza and comply with our legal responsibility to NOT SUPPORT Israel’s illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (see 19 July 2024 ICJ ruling).

Sincerely,

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