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Israel is committing Genocide in Gaza: UN & IAGS confirmation

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Dear Minister Anand:

As of this week, there are two more substantial rulings stating that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza including the ruling by the International Association of Genocide Scholars <https://genocidescholars.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/IAGS-Resolution-on-Gaza-FINAL.pdf> and the ruling by UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165856>

In each declaration the signatories call upon member states/countries to uphold their obligation under international law to end the genocide. Canada has legal obligations to end this genocide and the illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territory which it flagrantly violating as evidenced by the following:

1. Continuing to [export weapons to Israel](https://armsembargonow.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Exposing-Canadian-Military-Exports-to-Israel_07292025_compressed-.pdf) (directly and through the United States);
2. Providing military support through the [Canada-Israel Strategic Partnership](https://www.international.gc.ca/country-pays/israel/strategic_partnership-partenariat_strategique.aspx?lang=eng) (CISP);
3. Allowing the recruitment of Canadian volunteers to the Israeli military (which also violates the Foreign Enlistment Act);
4. According charitable status and/or qualified donnee status to organizations that support Israel’s military;
5. Maintaining the [Canada Israel Free Trade Agreement](https://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/israel/fta-ale/index.aspx?lang=eng) (CIFTA) despite it bolstering the Israeli economy which is relevant to Israel’s genocide in Gaza;
6. Providing financial support to companies that support the Israeli military through federal pension plans ([CPPIB](https://www.justpeaceadvocates.ca/cppib-investments-in-war-crimes-genocide-and-apartheid-increase-to-over-27-billion-in-2025/) and [CDPQ](https://www.justpeaceadvocates.ca/cdpq-2024-report/)); and
7. Refusing to impose any sanctions on Israel or its military and refusing to impose a two-way arms embargo. <https://www.justpeaceadvocates.ca/canada-on-notice-tell-the-government-to-take-action-against-genocide-apartheid-and-occupation/>

I demand that Canada immediately carry out a Two-way arms embargo and sanctions on Israel, and end the CIFTA, CISP, foreign military recruitment and tax-subsidies for organizations supporting genocide. It is critical that Canada divest from all companies complicit in Israel’s illegal occupation, apartheid, and genocide as per our obligations under International Law.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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