



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Israel

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

As a friend of Israel and friend of the Palestinian people, Canada is committed to the goal of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, including the creation of a Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with Israel.

This Government is committed to the United Nations and respects resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

Canada remains concerned by ongoing settlement activities. The settlements, which are illegal under international law, constitute a serious obstacle to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

Canada believes that both Israel and the Palestinian Authority must fully respect international human rights and humanitarian law, which are key to ensuring the protection of civilians. This respect can also contribute to the creation of a climate conducive to achieving a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement, including the creation of a Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with Israel.

More information on Canadian policy on key issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be found here:
http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/mena-moan/israeli-palstinian_policy-politique_israelo-palestinien.aspx?lang=eng