

# Global Stewardship: A Vision for Canada in the World

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The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper  
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The Hon. Maxime Bernier  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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Dear Messrs Harper & Bernier:

I wish to bring to your attention a resolution on Burma that was adopted by our conference on Canadian foreign policy, Ottawa , September 28 to 30, 2007, and approved by our Board of Directors. The Group of 78 addressed the issue, not originally on our agenda, because of the recent and continuing oppression by the military junta against its own people.

The Group of 78 Resolution on the Situation in Burma reads:

In light of the recent murder of Burmese monks and other citizens on the streets of Rangoon and the repression of Burma's democratically elected government, the Group of 78 calls upon the Government of Canada to:

1. Declare the head of mission of the Embassy of Myanmar in Ottawa persona non grata and give him two weeks notice to leave Canada .

2. Support the UN Secretary General's personal mediation efforts in the situation.
3. Give concrete support to Dr. Sein Win and the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma.

We hope you will take this resolution into account while developing Canada's actions and policy toward Burma in this intolerable situation.

Sincerely

*(signed)*

Richard Harmston,  
Chair, Board of Directors