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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Carney,

“We come together with a simple, urgent message: the war in Gaza must end now.”

The Group of 78, a Canadian non-profit working for peace, climate action and social justice, is proud that our government was a signatory to the joint statement on July 21, 2025, by 25 countries and the European Union calling for “the international community to unite in a common effort to bring this terrible conflict to an end, through an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire.”

This collective initiative has built new momentum, but now it must be backed up by real action. The immediate objective must be to restore, on an emergency basis, adequate levels of food aid for the starving population in Gaza. And reports of more than 1,000 Palestinians seeking aid being murdered by the Israeli military and contractors since May 2025 must be independently investigated—and this horrific killing completely stopped.

Furthermore, even if it risks provoking the American administration, Canada must endorse the authority and legitimacy of the International Criminal Court to prosecute perpetrators of war crimes, genocide and violations of international humanitarian law in the Gaza Strip. In fact, the argument for *strengthening* the ICC to enable it to carry out its work more effectively is compelling.

Canada was a founding member of the Court and played a leadership role in its early years. It's time we doubled down on supporting this crucial institution.

Yes, the war in Gaza must end now. We must do everything in our power to make that happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a long horizontal line.

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cc. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs