

August 25, 2025

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

**Re: Imposing New Measures on Israel to End the Famine in Gaza—and the War**

We write to demand that the Government of Canada take serious action to end the famine in Gaza—and the war.

The United Nations has confirmed that the Palestinian population in Gaza faces widespread, man-made famine caused by Israel's military action and its unlawful limiting of food aid into the Strip.

"We see our children starving and we cannot do anything," said a community worker in one report.

"I tell stories of hunger while living it myself," she said. "This is the reality we face every day in Gaza."

The UN Secretary General has called this egregious situation "a failure of humanity."

**It is urgent that the famine be ended now.**

**Canada and its allies must demand that Israel unblock the huge convoy of food, water and humanitarian supplies and facilitate their immediate delivery by the UN and the international community to the Palestinian men, women and children perishing in this catastrophe.**

With its allies, Canada has already sanctioned extremist politicians in Israel and signaled our intention to recognize the State of Palestine, but these measures are not nearly enough.

**To increase the pressure on the Israeli regime to end the famine and the war, the Government of Canada must:**

- 1) Suspend the Canada-Israel *free trade agreement***
- 2) Commence a *comprehensive trade embargo on all goods and services to and from Israel***
- 3) Fully enforce Canada's *arms embargo* on sales of weapons and munitions to Israel**
- 4) Call for *all United Nations member states* to impose comprehensive economic, diplomatic and military sanctions on Israel**
- 5) Call for the UN Security Council to send *peacekeeping operations forces* into Gaza City to enable peace talks to begin.**

**These measures should be implemented in close coordination with Canada's allies and the relevant multilateral bodies.**

The Group of 78 believes that most Canadians support intensified action to end the famine and the war in Gaza.

You and Foreign Minister Anand understand the tragic, lethal—and entirely avoidable—situation facing Palestinian children and adults in Gaza.

Their lives are in the hands of the international community.

You must do more, and you must do it now.

Sincerely,



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cc. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs