



Sept 14, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

Re: The West Bank and Gaza: Canada Must Say More-and *Do* More

We write on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Group of 78
(<https://group78.org/>), a Canadian foreign-policy non-profit.

Our purpose in writing is to criticize the recent statement by Canada and 11 European countries condemning the actions of the Government of Israel and Israeli settlers in the West Bank.

Those actions are aimed at expanding Israeli settlement in the West Bank, which is illegal under international law. To make matters worse, Israeli settlers are increasingly resorting to violence against Palestinians and forcibly removing Palestinians from their land.

The statement also called for restrictions on trade by settlers, also illegal under international law. Measures are to be introduced by the twelve countries to ban international trade in settlement goods.

The statement rightly targets these egregious actions.

According to the statement, however, these measures are being implemented because the current situation threatens the viability of the “two-state solution”.

We submit that banning trade in settlement goods is unlikely by itself to make the two-state solution viable.

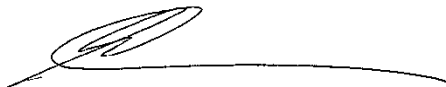
You will be aware that more than 1,300 Palestinians, including over 300 children, have been killed in Gaza, particularly by the Israeli Defence Force, since the declaration of the so-called “ceasefire” on October 10, 2025, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.

In fact, earlier this year, a United Nations commission found that since October 2023, Israeli forces deliberately targeted and killed more than 20,000 Palestinian children, injuring another 40,000. It is no longer safe in Gaza for Palestinians to give birth, the Commission found.

If the two-state solution, or any peaceful solution, is to survive, such unimpeded and unpunished violence must end now.

Working with its allies and through international bodies, including the United Nations and the International Criminal Court, Canada must say more, and *do* more, to halt the rampant killing and bring the Israeli leadership to justice.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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cc. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs