

# PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Whereas:

1. Canada has ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which, according to Article 12 asserts that “Everyone lawfully within the territory of a State shall, within that territory, have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose his residence. Everyone shall be free to leave any country, including his own... No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of the right to enter his own country,”
2. Canada voted in favor of United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/13, on October 21, 2003, demanding “that Israel stop and reverse the construction of the wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,”
3. The UN Secretary-General’s Report (A/ES-10/248) of November 24, 2003, pursuant to Resolution ES-10/13 states that, “Israel has not complied with that demand [of resolution ES-10/13.] It has not stopped or reversed the ongoing construction of the Barrier,”
4. The UN Secretary-General’s Report (A/ES-10/248) of November 24, 2003, pursuant to Resolution ES-10/13 also states that, “Palestinians living in enclaves are facing some of the harshest consequences of the Barrier’s construction and route. For example, the Barrier surrounds the town of Qalqiliya, with the only exit and entry point controlled by an Israeli military checkpoint. This has isolated the town from almost all its agricultural land, while surrounding villages are separated from its markets and services. A United Nations hospital in the town has experienced a 40 per cent decrease in caseloads.” (paragraph 24)
5. Without direct international pressure, there is no apparent hope to ease the oppressive restrictions imposed on West Bank Palestinians, especially those in the “walled enclaves,”

We call upon the House of Commons to apply direct pressure on the government of the State of Israel – to respect the human rights of Palestinians – via one or more of the following mechanisms:

- The unequivocal condemnation of the ongoing construction of Israel’s Wall within the Occupied Palestinian Territories,
- The exclusion of imports from Israeli settlements (located in the Occupied Palestinian Territories) from the Canada – Israel Free Trade Agreement,
- The blocking of tax-free donations from Canadian citizens intended for the construction, expansion or enhancement of Israeli infrastructure – including settlements – in the Occupied Palestinian Territories,
- The suspension of funding of, and participation in the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation

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