

# ARMS EMBARGO



## MP Sign-On Letter

### ***About the Letter***

This sign-on letter, calling for a full and immediate arms embargo on Israel, was initiated by the following organizations: the Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM), Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME), Independent Jewish Voices (IJV), the Palestine Solidarity Network, World BEYOND War, Labour 4 Palestine, and Labour Against the Arms Trade (LAAT).

Among others, the initial signatories of the organizational sign-on letter include: the Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council (CMPAC), the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Indigenous Climate Action, the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE), the Public Service Alliance of Canada - Alliance de la Fonction Publique du Canada, and the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI).

This version of the letter is directed to all Members of Parliament across the country. MPs who sign onto the letter will be listed on our website ([armsembargonow.ca/](http://armsembargonow.ca/)) following the release of the organizational sign-on letter.

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### **ENGLISH SIGN-ON LETTER**

As the catastrophe wrought by Israel's continued assault on Gaza grows, we— the undersigned Members of Parliament— join Canadian civil society organizations in calling on the Canadian government to immediately suspend all trade in arms and military technology with Israel.

The Government of Canada defines an arms embargo as a sanction that “aims to prevent weapons and military equipment from leaving or reaching a targeted country. It prohibits exporting and importing arms and related materials to and from the targeted country, and may also prohibit communicating technical data or financial transactions related to military activities.”

Under the Special Economic Measures Act, Canada can and should also ban the export to and import from Israel of surveillance, security, and intelligence technologies, as well as a broad range of dual use items (electronics, computers, sensors, lasers, avionics, etc.) that may not be considered strictly "military" in nature but are integral to Israel's siege and assault on Gaza and its continual annexation of the occupied Palestinian territories.

Ending Canadian arms exports to Israel may impact some workers in the arms and technology industries. We urge the government to work with trade unions representing these workers to develop short and long term plans for a just transition that will secure their livelihoods and enable them to work without the fear of being complicit with Israel's war crimes and possible genocide in Gaza.

We call on the Canadian government to uphold its moral and legal responsibilities and impose a full and immediate arms embargo on Israel.

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