



CANADIAN MUSLIM PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Dear CMPAC Community,

With the holiday season behind us and the beginning of 2025, we want to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished together over the past year and share our vision for the year ahead. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in driving meaningful change and advancing justice for all.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The past year has been transformative for CMPAC and our advocacy efforts. Our [Arms Embargo on Israel campaign](#) gained national traction, raising awareness and building pressure on the Canadian government to suspend arms trade with Israel. In October, we marked one year of the genocide in Gaza by issuing a [statement calling for sanctions, recognition of Palestinian statehood, and accountability for war crimes](#). CMPAC also made substantial policy contributions, including recommendations to strengthen [Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy](#) by addressing anti-Palestinian racism and Islamophobia.

In response to the government's listing of [Samidoun as a terrorist entity](#), we critically engaged the debate, defending principles of free speech and highlighting the risks of politicized applications of terrorism legislation. CMPAC also contributed to the [Police Governance and Human Rights report](#) and partnered with the Council of Ontario Directors of Education on a [framework to promote equity in schools](#). Additionally, we highlighted systemic issues in Canada's immigration system, such as the [disparities in refugee policies](#) affecting Palestinian refugees.

Beyond advocacy, we empowered grassroots action through initiatives like the [Gaza](#)

[TRV reunification toolkit](#), helping community members directly engage MPs on immigration challenges. Our [educational webinars and policy briefs](#) equipped advocates with the knowledge to create meaningful change, and we spoke out against injustices, including [denouncing anti-Palestinian racism](#) and demanding [justice for Hayfa Abdelkhaleq](#) after an attack on a Palestinian woman in Ontario.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

The coming year promises to build on our shared momentum. CMPAC will continue advocating for international accountability and Palestinian rights, including pressing Canada to suspend arms trade with Israel, end its complicity in the genocide, and support Palestinian statehood alongside accountability measures for ongoing human rights violations. Addressing anti-Palestinian racism and Islamophobia will remain a core focus as we work to monitor and challenge hate in media, policy, and public discourse.

Additionally, we will expand our analysis and advocacy against the misuse of definitions like the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, ensuring Palestinian voices are not silenced. To strengthen community power, CMPAC plans to broaden its grassroots advocacy toolkits and foster partnerships with like-minded organizations, amplifying our collective impact for justice and equity. We remain steadfast in our commitment to justice and liberation for Palestine, determined to see a future where freedom and dignity prevail.



SUPPORT CMPAC'S MISSION

During this season of giving, we invite you to support CMPAC's work by making a donation and sharing our campaigns with your network. Your contributions help ensure we can continue making meaningful progress in 2025.

Thank you for standing with us and for being an essential part of the CMPAC community.

Wishing you a peaceful year ahead!

Warm regards,

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