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Policy Updates - What We've Been Working on

Dear CMPAC community,

The past couple of weeks has brought much action - from the Amnesty International Report on the Genocide to our TRV campaign calling out the double standards of the Canadian government's implementation of the Palestinian visa program. We wanted to express our gratitude for your support in these advocacy issues. Without your continuous efforts, our policy and advocacy efforts would not be as impactful. To keep you informed, below is a summary of our advocacy work over the past two weeks.

Amnesy Report - Israel is Committing Genocide'



CMPAC Comments on Amnesty's Report: Israel's Actions Constitute Genocide

December 5 - A landmark report released by Amnesty International has concluded that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians, based on an extensive review of actions and statements from October 7, 2023. The report urges those with influence over Israel to take immediate action to end the violence. CMPAC calls on Canada to impose a bilateral arms embargo with Israel, enforce sanctions, and fully cooperate with the International Criminal Court in executing arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant.

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"Visit Your MP" Campaign

CALL TO ACTION: Join Our “Visit Your MP” Campaign for Gaza’s TRV Program

CMPAC is mobilizing a nationwide effort to urge Members of Parliament to address critical flaws in Canada’s Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) program for Palestinians from Gaza. From Friday, December 6 to Friday, December 13, we are calling on you to meet with your MPs to demand action on this issue. Here’s how you can help:

1. Download & read the TRV Toolkit: **TRV Campaign Toolkit**
2. Schedule a meeting with your MP: Use the talking points in the toolkit to guide your discussion.
3. Spread the word: Post on social media, tag your MPs, and use hashtags like #ReuniteGazansNow.

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Pro-Palestinian Protests met with Police Violence



CMPAC Stands with Jewish Allies for Justice and Protest Rights

December 3 - CMPAC fully supports our Jewish allies in their calls for justice for the Palestinian people in Ottawa. Recent peaceful pro-Palestinian protests have been met with disproportionate and biased violent responses by the Ottawa Police. We demand accountability and urge the Ottawa Police to uphold protesters’ fundamental rights to freedom of expression and assembly.

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Canada Must Act Now

CMPAC Demands Strong Action Against Genocide in Gaza

December 3 - The UN has condemned Gaza's situation as reaching apocalyptic levels, with nearly 19,000 children hospitalized due to malnutrition in the past 4 months. CMPAC calls for Canada to:

1. Cooperate fully with the International Criminal Court (ICC).
2. Apprehend and surrender Netanyahu and Gallant to the ICC.
3. Support the ICC's investigative work on war crimes.

Canada must act now to ensure accountability for the use of starvation as a genocide tactic.



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CMPAC Opinion - Canada's Double Standard with Visa Program for Palestinians



CMPAC Calls Out Canada's Refugee Double Standard

November 29 - Read CMPAC's opinion that highlights the stark double standard in Canada's refugee policy. While 300,000 Ukrainians were given streamlined refugee pathways, only 334 Palestinians have made it through a program fraught with barriers and risks. CMPAC is calling on the government to provide fair and equal treatment for all refugees, regardless of nationality or race. Read the full opinion piece below.

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International Day of Solidarity with Palestinians

CMPAC Urges Action on the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinians

November 29 - On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, CMPAC reaffirms its commitment to Palestinian self-determination and condemns the growing vilification of Palestinian advocacy in Canada. CMPAC calls for concrete action on the following:

1. Uphold the ICC's arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant.
2. Confront anti-Palestinian racism in Canada, ensuring freedom of speech.
3. Suspend military aid and impose a two-way arms embargo on Israel.

Canada must align its foreign policy with its commitment to human rights.

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ICC Warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant



CMPAC Supports ICC Arrest Warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant

November 27 - CMPAC strongly supports the UN's call for countries to comply with the ICC arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant. Canada must execute these warrants and suspend military aid and trade agreements with Israel to align its foreign policy with its stated commitment to human rights.

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Humanitarian Workers Killed

CMPAC Condemns Killings of Humanitarian Workers in Gaza

November 27 - CMPAC condemns the unprecedented killing of humanitarian aid workers in Gaza, exacerbated by Israeli bombings. We call for an immediate bilateral arms embargo to end Canada's complicity in the deaths of these workers. This cannot be Canada's legacy.



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Reflections on Gaza with Dr Yakoob Ahmed



Reflecting on Gaza: Insights from Dr. Yakoob Ahmed

November 23 - CMPAC hosted an insightful discussion with Dr. Yakoob Ahmed on the historical context of Gaza and Palestine, as well as the ongoing genocide. Dr. Ahmed, a renowned historian, explored how historical narratives are often manipulated to absolve politicians of their actions. His powerful reflections emphasized the importance of understanding the deeper context of Palestine's struggle and the current crisis.



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