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| The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.Office of the Prime Minister80 Wellington StreetOttawa, ON K1A 0A2 | The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.Department of Finance Canada90 Elgin StreetOttawa, Ontario K1A 0G5  |

**Re: JOINT LETTER: Cut Military Spending. No to NATO’s 5% GDP TargCrnCaret.**

 **Invest in Canadians’ well-being: Housing, Education, Health Care and Climate Action.**

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Finance Minister Champagne,

We, concerned citizens and members of the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and the Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom Canada, are calling on you to cut military spending, re-allocate it to social and environmental priorities, and cancel the plan to increase military spending to 5% of GDP by 2035. According to the NATO Defence Expenditures report, Canada’s military spending has doubled from $20 billion to $44 billion, which is 1.4% of GDP, from 2014 to 2024. If the federal government increases it to 5% of GDP over the next eight years that will increase military spending to $150 billion/year. This is irresponsible and reckless and will lead to more poverty and inequality across the country. To improve the lives of Canadians, the federal government must reduce and re-distribute military spending to affordable housing, education, health care, public transit, environmental protection, climate action and diplomacy. We say No to NATO’s 5% target.



**NO TO 5% GDP. NO to $150 BILLION ON THE MILITARY. CUT MILITARY SPENDING. CANADA OUT OF NATO.**