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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Anita Anand, P.C., M.P. Minister of Global Affairs Canada House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: JOINT LETTER: URGENT! Stop Arming and Start Sanctioning Israel.

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anand,

We, concerned citizens and members of the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom Canada, are urgently calling on you to stop Israel's genocide of Palestinians! Israel is starving the Palestinian people by blocking food, water, medicine and medical supplies from entering Gaza since March. Since October 7, 2023, as The Guardian has just reported, the current official toll is over 64,718 Palestinians killed and 163,859 injured in Gaza – 25 of 26 hospitals in Gaza have been bombed. This week the *United Nations' Commission of Inquiry* has concluded that "on reasonable grounds that the Israeli authorities and Israeli security forces have committed and are continuing to commit the following actus reus of genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip." Therefore, Canada must stop exporting all weapons to Israel. We demand an arms embargo and a closure of the loopholes. We want Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian land and the blockade against Gaza to end. Urgently bring in Palestinians to reunite with their families in Canada. We oppose wider wars against Yemen, Lebanon, Syria and Iran. Canada should be a country that helps to bring peace in the Middle East/West Asia and the world not one that is arming a genocide. Sanction Israel. We also call on Canada to ensure safe passage for the Global Sumud Flotilla.

