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February 20, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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The Honourable Anita Anand, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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**Re: JOINT LETTER: Please send fuel, food and supplies to Cuba. Help Canada's friend.**

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anand,

We, the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom Canada, are writing to you to urgently request that Canada immediately send fuel, food and supplies to the Cuban people who are suffering from the cruel, illegal and protracted blockade by the United States.

On January 29, the Trump administration issued an Executive Order "Addressing Threats to the United States by the Government of Cuba," that shamefully and erroneously declared Cuba "an unusual and extraordinary threat" to the U.S. and imposed more crippling sanctions and total fuel blockade. It also threatened illegal interference to change the government in Cuba that violates the United Nations Charter.

Cuba is a long-standing friend of our country. As an energy superpower, Canada has the resources and authority to stand up to the U.S. and provide the aid that the island needs. We also call on you to change Canada's travel advisory discouraging travel to the island and to permit travel and tourism to Cuba, which is a crucial sector of the economy. The Canadian people cherish their trips to the island and their friendship with the Cuban people and want our country to help them not be complicit in the U.S.'s blockade.

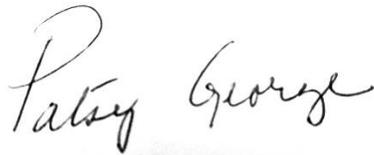
We are sending you this letter in solidarity with the **National Day of Action "Let Cuba Live"** that has been organized by the Canada Network on Cuba and will take place on Saturday, February 21. Canadians will hold rallies across the country to show their support for the Cuban people. We stand with them and call on you to take action. We also support the Canada Network on Cuba's important statement on the U.S. blockade and share a copy with you. The statement observes that,

US sanctions have obstructed Cuba’s national development and inflicted suffering on ordinary Cubans for over six decades and are roundly condemned by the international community in annual resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly. This unilateral blockade and its many harms have been damningly observed; but the new tariff system and the threat of its naval enforcement marks an unprecedented escalation against the Cuban people, undertaken with explicit intent to plunge Cuba into darkness and to grind its economy to a halt.

We also remind you of Cuba’s incredible legacy of medical internationalism sending doctors and nurses to many of the poorest communities in developing countries. As well, it was in Havana in January 2014 that the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States declared their region to be a zone of peace and cooperation.

As an independent country with “middle power,” Canada should demonstrate our Canadian values and commitment to the UN Charter and send aid and show support to Cuba. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,



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**Co-chair Patsy George**

On behalf of co-chair Ellen Woodsworth and board  
the Women’s International League for Peace &  
Freedom (WILPF) Canada



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**Co-chair Lyn Adamson**

On behalf of co-chair Hannah Hadikin and the  
board the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace  
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cc:

Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada

Hon. Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Québécois

Hon. Don Davis, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party

Hon. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada

**SOURCES**

**Canada Network on Cuba Statement “CONDEMNATION OF THE UNITED STATES’ BLOCKADE OF FUEL SUPPLIES TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA”**

<https://canadiannetworkoncuba.ca/2026/01/31/condemnation-of-the-united-states-blockade-of-fuel-supplies-to-the-people-of-cuba/>

## **CELAC Declares Latin America and the Caribbean a Peace Zone**

<https://www.sela.org/celac-declares-latin-america-and-the-caribbean-a-peace-zone/>

## **Cuba Travel Advice, Canada**

<https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/cuba>

## **Presidential Actions, Executive Order: ADDRESSING THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, January 29, 2026.**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/01/addressing-threats-to-the-united-states-by-the-government-of-cuba/>

## **ABOUT**

**Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW)** is the largest national feminist peace organization with members and chapters across the country. VOW was established in 1960 and is a non-partisan, non-governmental organization comprised of a network of diverse women. VOW's main office is in Toronto. VOW runs many campaigns related to women, peace, disarmament and anti-militarism. VOW has consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and every year brings a delegation of Canadian women to the UN Commission on the Status of Women conference. For over 60 years, VOW has tirelessly advocated for a world without war. VOW stands for a feminist peace based on nonviolence, disarmament, diplomacy and common security with gender equality.

**Web site:** <http://vowpeace.org>

**Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) Canada** is a membership-led organization committed to a feminist peace, social justice, and gender equality. We are a non-partisan, non-governmental organization members across the country. We are the national section of WILPF International, which is the world's longest standing women peace organization founded in 1915, with 32 Sections and 13 Groups across Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Two of our leaders, Jane Addams and Emily Greene Balch, won the Nobel Peace Prize. WILPF International is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland and has a disarmament program called *Reaching Critical Will* in New York. Our *Peace Women* program monitors the United Nations' Women, Peace & Security agenda and we have an international *Environment Working Group*.

**Web site:** [wilpfcanada.ca](http://wilpfcanada.ca)

VOW and WILPF-Canada are also members of the **Global Women for Peace United Against NATO:**

<https://womenagainstnato.org/> and the **Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network:**

<https://peaceandjusticenetwork.ca/>