

MAY PEACE BE WITH HER

**Supporting women
is supporting peace!**

Women play a vital role
in conflict prevention
and in building
just, sustainable
and inclusive peace.

LET'S JOIN OUR VOICES

and ask the Canadian
government to give
women the resources
they need in order to
take their place at the
heart of peacebuilding.

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Dear Prime Minister:

Whereas the Canadian International Assistance Policy announced in June 2017 by the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie commits Canada to ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity to take active roles in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities;

Whereas despite this commitment, Canada continues to maintain economic partnerships with countries where female infants are murdered for not being male, where women earn less than men for the same job, or where they do not have the same rights, including the right to education or protection from rape, physical violence, and other forms of abuse;

Whereas the government has stated its support for women and peace, yet there has been no increase to the international assistance budget, and instead the government has committed to increasing the military budget by 70% over ten years;

Whereas the government's commitments to women and women's organizations working to support peace can only be realized with concrete action, including financial support;

I AM CALLING on the Canadian government to go beyond words to action by supporting women and women's organizations who are working for peace, and by adopting a tangible strategy with a precise time frame for reaching the goal of dedicating 0.7% of the gross national income to development assistance.

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