

CANADIAN GROUPS CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT TO DISSENT



Today we join our voices together to express our deep concern about the Opposition motion that condemns the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

We are strongly committed to democratic rights and freedoms for all Canadians. The right of dissent is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Any attempt to criminalize, condemn, intimidate or silence peaceful and nonviolent actions of individuals and groups that support or sympathize with the BDS movement, should be rejected.

Criticizing or opposing Canada's policies and/or a foreign country's policies should not be condemned: it is the essence of our freedom and democracy. We remain committed to these principles and we call on our government to commit to them.

Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)

Canadian Union for Public Employees (CUPE)

Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW)

Independent Jewish Voices (IJV)

International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG)

Ligue des droits et libertés (LDL)

United Church of Canada (UCC)