

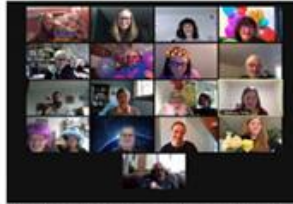


Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)

Annual Accountability Report 2021-2022

## Annual Accountability Report 2021

"As we let our barriers down or remove them, we move closer to the center of our being. When we tap into that central core, we experience a self-acceptance and a sense of peace that allows us to connect with others without fear or apprehension. It is this connection that transforms us and others." - John Shuford



### Transformational work

There are a great many charitable organizations out there. But how many of them make it to their 90th birthdays? 2021 marked the 90th anniversary of Canadian Friends Service Committee!

## Our 2021 Annual Accountability Report is here

The 2021 Annual Accountability Report celebrates the 90th anniversary of Canadian Friends Service Committee. Get a brief overview of what we've been up to over the past year in our Indigenous rights, criminal justice, and peace work:

<https://Report.QuakerService.ca>. You can also read our [audited financial statements](#) (PDF).

All of the justice and peace work that you read about here is *your* work. **Please [donate](#) before December 31st and receive your 2021 charitable tax receipt!**



## PETITIONS

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### Petition to the Government of Canada

#### Whereas:

- On 22 October 2021, the Israeli Defense Minister designated six leading Palestinian civil society organizations (CSOs) as terrorist organizations under the Israel Anti-Terror Law of 2016, including Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, Al-Haq Law in the Service of Man (Al-Haq), Bisan Center for Research and Development, Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P), the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC), and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees (UPWC);
- Designations may result in seizure of CSO assets, office closures, and the arrest and jailing of staff members by the Israeli authorities;
- UN Special Rapporteurs condemned Israel's designation of Palestinian human rights defenders as terrorist organizations stating, "the misuse of counter-terrorism measures in this way by the government of Israel undermines the security of all";
- The designations violate the freedoms of opinion, expression, and association, amounting to prohibited acts of apartheid under Article 7(2)(h) of the Rome Statute; and



## New e-petition to support Palestinian human rights groups

We [previously reported](#) on what human rights groups around the world and UN experts warn is an "attack on human rights everywhere": Israel designated six highly respected Palestinian human rights groups "terrorists". A new parliamentary e-petition allows Canadians to urge a meaningful response to this very dangerous move. [Read the petition and consider signing.](#)



## Calling for mandatory human rights due diligence

Did you know that Canadian companies commit many severe human rights abuses every year? A group of 50 organizations, including CFSC, is calling for a new law to address this major problem.

The proposed law would:

1. establish a corporate duty to prevent human rights abuses and environmental damage;
2. create a corporate obligation to undertake comprehensive human rights due diligence; and
3. establish a right of action in Canadian courts (civil lawsuit) if Canadian companies, their subsidiaries, suppliers or subcontractors cause human rights abuse or environmental damage abroad. It would also establish a right of action if companies don't develop, implement or report on adequate human rights and environmental due diligence procedures.

Read the [full open letter](#). If so led, [sign a petition](#) to show your support for new legislation.



Canadian light armoured vehicle. Credit: Project Ploughshares.



## Keeping the pressure on Canada to stop transferring weapons to Saudi Arabia

Canada has been named twice by the UN as one of several countries perpetuating the devastating war on Yemen. That's because, although Canada acceded to the [Arms Trade Treaty](#) in 2019, it continues to violate its commitments by sending billions of dollars of weapons to Saudi Arabia.

More than 50 Canadian labour, human rights, peace, and faith groups have written again to call on Canada to immediately end the transfer of light armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia. [Read the full letter](#) (PDF).