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The Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Leader of the Official Opposition, Erin O'Toole

CC: Ministers of Parliament

Dear Leaders:

Today, Amnesty International UK issued a scathing and unjustified attack on the State of Israel. It issued a defamatory report accusing the Jewish State of practicing apartheid and ethnic cleansing, among other despicable false allegations.

This is the time for Canada to come together. We are calling on you to immediately condemn these baseless accusations and to stand by our best ally in the Middle East, the democratic State of Israel. As we are well aware, Israel's detractors have been charting this path since the infamous 'Durban-Conference' starting in 2001. Since then, there has been a relentless and mounting campaign to demonize, delegitimize and disrupt the peaceful existence of the Jewish nation.

No other country in the world is harassed by the international community, the United Nations and a number of human rights organizations. Because Israel is the very embodiment of the Jewish people, the biased double standard practiced through unrelenting attacks on the nation can only be understood as Antisemitic. In fact, given the growth of violent Antisemitism around the world, such a report is blatantly irresponsible.

When the Jewish people were led from their towns into ghettos and then concentration camps, the world stood by and did nothing against this vile Antisemitic act. We are now calling on Canada to stand up for moral decency and for humanity by speaking out against the Amnesty report by saying – Enough! 'We will no longer stand by as you attack our friend. We will no longer agree to this unjustified harassment and bullying'.

We look forward to your reply,

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