

END THE TRADE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

Although Canadian policy officially opposes illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, we continue to maintain a trade agreement with Israel that encourages settlement expansions and allows for the free flow of settlement goods and services into our country.

Actions sought include:

- Ban the trade of goods and services from Israeli settlements.
- End all forms of economic, military, and academic cooperation with Israeli settlements.
- Revoke the charitable status of Canadian charities which are found to materially support the Israeli military, settlements or occupation.

1. Does your party support a ban on exchanging goods and services from illegal Israeli settlements?

The NDP supports an end to all trade and economic cooperation with the illegal settlements.

END MILITARY TRADE AND COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL

Canada recognises the 54 year long Israeli military occupation as illegal. In 2021 alone, more than 300 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli military. Canada is sadly complicit in these crimes through the weapons trade.

Actions sought include:

- Cancel the drone contract with Israeli weapons company Elbit Systems
- End Israeli military recruitment in Canada by enforcing the Canadian Foreign Enlistment Act
- Suspend all bilateral trade of weapons and military services with Israel until it complies with international law.

2. Does your party support suspending all bilateral trade of weapons and military services with Israel until it complies with international law?

New Democrats are committed to making Canada a force for peace. We have consistently called for an end to arms sales to countries that violate human rights and international law. Recognizing that both Palestinians and Israelis have the right to live in safety and security, we will work towards a just and lasting negotiated solution between Israel and Palestine that respects human rights and upholds international law. Canada must play an active and constructive role in advancing peace, beginning by suspending arms sales to Israel until the end of the illegal occupation, as well as working to ensure no illegal arms are sent to Hamas.

UPHOLD INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR PALESTINIANS

Ever since the Martin government, Canada has been part of a tiny bloc at the United Nations that systematically votes against resolutions in support of Palestinian human rights. In 2019 and 2020, Canada took a small step in the right direction by supporting 1 out of 16 of these resolutions.

Actions sought include:

- Use economic and diplomatic tools to pressure the Israeli government to immediately end the occupation and lift the siege on Gaza.
- Recognize the State of Palestine and support its efforts to seek redress at the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- Vote in support of all UN resolutions which aim to uphold Palestinian human rights.

3. Will your party support Palestinian efforts to seek redress at the International Criminal Court (ICC); and push the government to vote in support of all UN resolutions upholding Palestinian human rights?

New Democrats believe in working with partners for peace in Israel and Palestine, respecting UN resolutions and international law, supporting peaceful co-existence through a negotiated solution and end to Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, and an end to violence targeting civilians.

We believe that the ICC is an important international legal institution. We were deeply disappointed that the Liberal government objected to the ICC's jurisdiction in investigating alleged war crimes during the 2014 escalation between Israel and Palestine.

A New Democrat government will uphold the independent work of the ICC and support UN resolutions regarding the human rights of Palestinians.

PROTECT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ON PALESTINE

Israel and its supporters are waging a campaign in Canada to delegitimize Palestinians by falsely accusing them of antisemitism. They are relying on the widely-discredited and controversial International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism.

Actions sought include:

- Respect the right of Canadians to support the Palestinian boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement, as non-violent tools of resistance and protected forms of expression.
- Reject the IHRA definition of antisemitism, and commit to fighting antisemitism without conflating it with criticism of Israel, and without undermining free expression, academic research and activism for Palestinian human rights.

4. Will your party reject the IHRA definition of antisemitism, and commit to fighting antisemitism without conflating it with criticism of Israel, and without undermining free expression and activism for Palestinian human rights?

The rise of antisemitism in Canada and in other countries is alarming. We must all be united in condemning this hatred and take meaningful steps to ensure we put a stop to it.

We support the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism as an educational tool to help policymakers address the ever-evolving scourge of Jew-hatred. However, we do have concerns that the associated examples could undermine those who wish to speak out in favour of the human rights of Palestinians.

New Democrats are committed to taking on white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups, starting with a national action plan to dismantle far-right extremist organizations. A New Democrat government will establish national standards for identifying and recording all hate incidents and their dispensation in the justice system and work in collaboration with non-profits to increase the reporting of hate crimes.

We will convene a national working group to counter online hate and protect public safety, and make sure that social media platforms are legally responsible for the removal of hateful and extremist content before it can do harm. We will also begin work immediately to ensure that all major cities have dedicated hate crime units within local police forces.