

Jan. 26, 2010

The Hon. Ms. Megan Leslie, MP

The House of Commons.

Dear Ms. Leslie:

We truly appreciate your good efforts in opposing the Harper government cut of aid to KAIROS, and hope it will bring about a positive result.

Furthermore, we are equally alarmed by the Harper government cut of aid to UNRWA. This UN body provides aid, in terms of food, medical care and education, to the Palestinian refugees who have been subjected to a brutal policy of ethnic cleansing and dispossession for over 60 years and remain in refugee camps awaiting implementation of repeated UN resolutions for their right to return to their homes.

We are calling on the NDP party and the international community to work to maintain this basic support for the Palestinian refugees as well as calling for their Right of Return to their homes, in compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the repeatedly-reaffirmed UN resolution # 194, of Dec. 1948.

We trust that you will do your best in this regard and await your response.

Yours sincerely,

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President, Canada Palestine Association.