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Canada Palestine Association,

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The Rt. Hon. Mr. Stephen Harper, MP.

Prime Minister of Canada,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Harper:

We have been hearing, recently, in political and media circles, criticism directed at student groups in our universities for bringing to notice: "Israel Apartheid Week". The claims are made, in these circles, that there is no validity for this claim and such a claim is an insult to South Africans who suffered under the Apartheid regime of South Africa.

In this context, it may be of relevance and importance to bring to your attention the testimony, included below, of the distinguished Nobel Laureate, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, broadcast on the British Broadcasting Corporation, [BBC], about the nature of the racist practices by Israel, against the people in the illegally- Occupied Palestinian Territories, and their true definition and close similarity to the practices that the African people in South Africa suffered at the hands of their Apartheid rulers at the time.

Needless to say, Archbishop Desmond Tutu lived under the Apartheid regime and knew what it means and he asserts here that the practices to which the Palestinian people are subjected are identical to those he lived under. He knew what he was talking about.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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