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The Editor,

The Globe & Mail.

Dear Editor:

Margaret Wente, in her article ; "Why do we fund NGOs anyway?", makes justification for Jason Kenney's cutting the aid by CIDA for KAIROS, a well-recognised church group that has a long history in supporting humanitarian activities in Canada and on the international scene. She states that Mr. Kenney wasn't out of line in cutting the aid to KAIROS. The facts are that Mr. Kenney justified his support for cutting the aid to KAIROS by making false charges accusing KAIROS of anti-Semitism. That he made this charge is recorded in a speech he gave in Jerusalem. This charge is offensive and has no basis. KAIROS, like many international and Israeli human rights groups, has been critical of Israeli policies, in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, which are clearly in violation of international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention.

It is time that Israel's apologists must come to recognise that Israel cannot be allowed to remain above international law.

Yours sincerely,

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