

His Excellency the Greek Ambassador to Canada,

We are very surprised and concerned to hear the news that the authorities in Greece are obstructing the free passage of the Canadian Boat to Gaza, carrying human rights workers and humanitarian needs to the besieged people of Gaza, who are being subjected to an illegal blockade by Israel. This blockade is simply an act of collective punishment, that stands in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and is considered a war crime, as defined by international law.

Greece has always stood with the just struggle of the Palestinian people, and this current action appears to be resulting from pressure and intimidation by Israel, using the current unfortunate economic crisis that Greece is being subjected to.

We plead with your excellency to use your influence and humane consideration and call on the Greek Government to allow free passage to these boats in this Flotilla, providing humanitarian needs for the illegally blockaded and deprived 1.5 million people in Gaza.

Yours sincerely,

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