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Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice

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Canadian Department of Peace Initiative,
c/o Iman Ibrahim,
Co-chair, Ottawa Chapter,
3814 Navan Road,
Ottawa, ON, K4B 1H9

Dear Iman Ibrahim;

As a Canadian religious organization that promotes “justice, equity and compassion in human relations” and “the goal of world community, with peace, liberty and justice for all”, The Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ) heartily endorses the campaign to establish a Canadian Department of Peace.

We are in total agreement with your mandate of “creating a culture of peace and nonviolence in Canada and the world”. You have also outlined the mandate of the Minister of Peace ‘to reinvigorate Canada’s role as a peacekeeper and peace builder’ at home and abroad. We couldn’t agree with you more as Canada’s reputation as a peace broker in the world has been badly tarnished in recent years. (Highlighted by our recent embarrassment, when we were overlooked for a seat on the Security Council.) Our enhanced combat role in Afghanistan and greatly diminished role in U.N. peacekeeping operations serve to highlight the current dismal state of affairs within the Prime Minister’s office and the National Department of Defense.

As you stated in your brochure, “There has never been greater urgency or a better window of opportunity for achieving this initiative in Canada”.

The CUSJ would like to add our name to the growing list of peace and justice NGO’s who support your noble endeavour as part of a global movement to create a sustainable peace for all. Please find enclosed a small token in support of the Department of Peace Initiative in the form of a cheque for \$50. (CUSJ minutes, April 18, 2010.)

Peace and Justice,