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Dear Prime Minister

Congratulations on your re-election.

We are writing to urge you to make the official launch of Canada’s Feminist Foreign Policy a priority of your new mandate.

Ministers in your cabinet and senior departmental officials have referred to Canada’s feminist foreign policy for years. In February 2020, we were very pleased when then-Minister of Foreign Affairs Champagne committed to the launch of a paper outlining Canada’s approach. Since then, many of us mobilized and participated in discussions with Global Affairs Canada and others around the principles, priorities, and investments this approach to foreign policy involves. Two reports (Be Brave, Be Bold and What We Heard) summarize recommendations made by civil society. It was unfortunate that the release of the paper was not possible before the election call.

Canada faces many global challenges: climate crisis, pandemics, growing inequality, conflict and displacement, geopolitical shifts, disarmament, erosion of the rule of law and multilateral systems, and more. Clear guidance is essential on how feminist principles, analysis and ways of working contribute to Canada’s international goals, priorities and relations. We believe that a clear and ambitious statement of Canada’s feminist foreign policy, accompanied by strong political backing and the investment of meaningful resources, will provide an effective compass for Canada’s international actions for years to come.

We remain committed to supporting and working with your ministers and government officials on these key issues.

We urge you to release the policy and announce new resource commitments to support its implementation before the end of 2021.

Sincerely

Please reply to chair@wpsn-canada.org

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Amnesty International Canada
Canada for Africa Group
Canadian Coalition for Youth, Peace & Security
Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan
CARE Canada
Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security
Equality Fund
Equitas
Federation of Medical Women of Canada, Women, Peace and Security committee
Feminist Data & Research - FDR, Inc
Global Peace Alliance BC Society
Grandmothers Advocacy Network
Hope for Her Global Canada
IMPACT
Inter Pares
KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives
McLeod Group
Oxfam Canada
Oxfam-Québec
Save the Children Canada
Sisters Trust
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