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Canada has called on Israel (through bilateral contacts, ministerial statements and positions adopted in UN fora) to respect and apply the Fourth Geneva Convention. Where human rights violations occur, Canada raises them as appropriate with the Israeli Government. Over the past year, Canada has spoken in UN fora to reiterate publicly the position that human rights violations by the Israeli occupying authorities are unacceptable and contrary to international law. Where UN resolutions have identified Israeli activities which are the subject of justified criticism, such as breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Canada has supported them. Canada formally protested the use of rocket attacks to destroy the houses of alleged activists and deplored the expulsion of the 415 Palestinian fundamentalists.

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