

Your Excellency, Canada appreciates and strongly supports Jordan's efforts. Above all, we agree that there can be no equitable solution which does not firmly entrench the Palestinians' right to a homeland. Yesterday, acting for Canada, I opened a school for 1400 refugee children at North Shunah. Most of us, as parents, try to create an atmosphere of some stability and certainty for our children to grow in. Canadians can perhaps better understand what is at issue with the Palestinians when we consider what it would mean to be a "refugee child". The words do not belong together, and we commend and support the work to build a durable peace for all the children, and all the peoples, of these historic lands.

The world's problems will not be solved simply by official meetings between governments. We must all learn more about each other through personal encounters, study and seeing for ourselves how others live and work. Maureen and I were determined that we would take away with us as much knowledge as possible of your country and the Jordanian people. As our hosts, you have helped us achieve these goals through your commitment and kindness. We thank you, and look forward to years of productive co-operation, with peace and growth between Jordan and Canada.