



CANADA'S POSITION ON KEY ISSUES

The main principles that govern Canadian policies toward the Arab-Israeli dispute are:

Security of Israel

Canada supports the security, well-being and rights of Israel as a legitimate, independent state. This has been a fundamental aspect of the policy of successive Canadian governments since the foundation of the State of Israel in 1948.

Support for a Comprehensive Peace Settlement

Canada firmly supports the Israel-PLO Peace Agreement signed on September 13, 1993. The Agreement should become a comprehensive agreement based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, including the right of all countries in the region to live within secure and recognized boundaries and the requirement for Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967. Canada also firmly supports the Israel-Jordan Peace Agenda, signed on September 14, 1993.

Occupied Territories

Canada does not recognize permanent Israeli control over the territories occupied in 1967 (the Golan Heights, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip) and opposes all unilateral actions intended to predetermine the outcome of negotiations, including the establishment of settlements in the territories and unilateral moves to annex East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. Canada considers such actions to be contrary to international law and unproductive to the peace process.

Rights of Palestinians

Canada recognizes that the legitimate rights of the Palestinians must be realized, including the right to self-determination to be exercised through peace negotiations.

.../2