

"Only last week, I sat down with Foreign Minister, and now acting Prime Minister, Shimon Peres to discuss relations between our two countries. Like Yitzhak Rabin, Mr. Peres is a man of peace. And so, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to extend to Mr. Peres our support and encouragement in the difficult days ahead."

Minister Ouellet signed the condolence book at the Israeli Embassy earlier today.

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