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CANADA CALLS ON THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESCIND "ZIONISM IS RACISM" RESOLUTION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, called once again today for the United Nations to rescind the 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

"Now is the time for all members of the United Nations to put the stale rhetoric of the past behind us. As I indicated at the UN General Assembly in September, a decision to rescind the infamous Zionism is Racism resolution would send a powerful and positive signal," said Mrs. McDougall.

The Minister noted that a refusal to do so would damage the reputation of the UN and its ability to play a new and more relevant role in maintaining international peace and security.

"The adoption of the resolution in 1975 discredited the United Nations in many countries. I believe that by rescinding this unjust resolution, the UN would serve the cause of peace and enhance its own credibility and moral authority," stated Mrs. McDougall.

The Minister added that Canada has worked very hard in many capitals and in New York to ensure that, at a vote expected as early as Monday, December 16, the United Nations will rescind the resolution.

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