

Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Follow-up to Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1

Canada will dissociate from the consensus and issue the following EOP.

EOP:

Canada agrees with and supports the notion that in principle there should be substantive follow up to the Council's decisions and that we encourage cooperation by all sides with the Council and its mechanisms. The Council has a high responsibility to ensure that, when it addresses situations, it does so in a fair and balanced manner, taking into account the actions of all sides. Canada has already expressed these views during previous sessions of this Council.

Canada may have been in a better position to support the resolutions adopted at the first and third special sessions had these texts been more even handed and objective. The Council's original decisions are flawed because they do not accurately and objectively reflect the situation. For these reasons, Canada cannot support follow up on these specific decisions, and therefore dissociates itself from the Council's decision.