December 8, 2023

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Subject: Newfoundland and Labrador Feminist Organizations Call for Full and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

As a coalition of feminist, gender justice, labour and human rights organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador, we join National movements and advocates in their letter calling on the <u>Canadian Government to wield its influence to demand a full and permanent ceasefire in the occupied Gaza Strip and Israel. We call on the federal government to join the international effort to monitor the ceasefire and ensure humanitarian aid is delivered. During the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, we also recognize the disproportionately <u>gendered impact of the armed-conflict</u> and the urgency for all members of society to stand against global injustices. As social justice, labour and non-profit organizations, our shared commitments to intersectionality and equity requires us to recognize that any occupation is deeply intertwined with anti-colonial movements. From Newfoundland and Labrador, we respect the interconnected commitment to reconciliation and decolonization and call for provincial organizations committed to social justice to sign on and speak up.</u>

CC: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mélanie Joly;
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, Marci len;
Minister for Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and Rural Economic Development, Goudie Hutchings;
Minister of Labour and Seniors, Seamus O'Regan;
Member of Parliament Joanne Thompson;
Member of Parliament Ken McDonald;
Member of Parliament Churence Rogers;
Member of Parliament Clifford Small
Member of Parliament Yvonne Jones

Sincerely,

Canadian Council of Muslim Women NL
Corner Brook Status of Women Council
End Sexual Violence NL
Labrador West Status of Women Council
Mokami Status of Women Council
Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour
NorPen Status of Women Council
Planned Parenthood NL Sexual Health Centre
St. John's Status of Women Council
Status of Women Central
YWCA St. John's