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Dear Ambassador McNee:

I am a former member of the Canadian Forces who served as a peacekeeper with UNEF II, Egypt in 1978, and I am writing on three related matters.

I have become increasingly alarmed at the growth of anti-Israel/anti-Semitic incitement that has permeated world opinion, driven by deliberate historical revisionism intended to convince the naive and the gullible to view Israel as an illegitimate, bloodthirsty, colonialist aggressor against innocent Arabs rather than the victim it is of repeated Arab attempts to destroy her since Partition in 1948.

For the past 25 days, in an attempt to counter the anti-Israel hysteria whipped up by those making the most outrageous fabrications during the 'Boat to Gaza' flotilla mission, I have conducted a daily one hour vigil outside a religious institution in my community that provided support for the now-failed attempt to break the Israeli blockade of weapons to Hamas. Tomorrow will be the last day of my vigil during which Jews, Christians and others drove from places such as Hamilton, Binbrook and Caledonia to stand with me here in London. You can see some of them, including another U.N. veteran (UNEF I, 1956 Suez Crisis), in the photo below.

In addition to highlighting the institution's role, however small, in supporting a mission, which if successful, will result in weapons reaching a terrorist organization sworn to kill Jews and 'obliterate' Israel, as a former U.N. peacekeeper I must also speak out for the innocent Palestinians who will die if Israel is forced, once again, to defend herself against those weapons.

1. For the last 25 days I have carried a sign (see photo below) reminding my community that the U.N. has done right by Israel at important times, including: the 1947 General Assembly vote which created the original 'two state solution,' and the 2006 condemnation of the Hamas charter by the U.N. Human Rights Council. In short, I have been asking Jews to believe in the U.N., but this is a very difficult thing to ask of them when the organization tolerates the outrageous bias of Richard Falk, Special Rapporteur on Palestinian Human Rights, who published that repugnant cartoon on his blog showing a Jewish-American dog chewing on the bones of a Palestinian child while urinating on Lady Justice looking the other way in feigned disinterest.

Mr. Gary Gerofsky, a member of the *Never Again Group* in Hamilton - which has three times made the trip to London to support my 'Blue Beret' vigil - has outlined his disgust with Mr. Falk's egregious bias and poor judgement, and points out that Mr. Falk has

indeed apologized, not for inciting hate against Jews and Americans, but for insulting dogs with the comparison. He says this about the U.N.:

"I would suggest that this is the pinnacle of Jew hate for the U.N. in a long list of examples that show this organization as a world coalition of Israel bashers. Countries who have any respect for decency and civilized society must withdraw funding, membership and support from the U.N. until it has cleaned up its act." -- Gary Gerofsky

- **Richard Falk: Take your cartoon and shove it**
(<http://netwmd.com/blog/2011/07/15/7846>)

B'nai Brith has called for Falk's firing:

"His radicalism prevents him from credibly filling his U.N. role, and it further discredits the Human Rights Council itself. Falk must finally, and immediately, be removed from his position as rapporteur before he does further damage while holding this U.N. mandate," B'nai Brith International Executive Vice President Daniel S. Mariaschin said."

- **Jewish group urges dismissal of UN Human Rights Council official**
(<http://www.ejpress.org/article/51960>)

The likes of Richard Falk have no place in the United Nations I proudly served, so I wish to ask, Mr. Ambassador, whether or not you have called, or will be calling, for the removal of Mr. Falk from his position?

2. I am very pleased that Canada has decided not to endorse the creation of a Palestinian state by the U.N. During the last 25 days of my vigil, I have stood with my blue beret and a U.N. flag whose base carries a small flag of Israel. There is also a spot waiting to receive the Palestinian flag. In order to answer those who wondered why I have not placed a Palestinian flag on the base, I wrote the attached explanation entitled, *'Why I carry a Palestinian flag in my pocket.'*

Rewarding 60+ years of violence directed at destroying a U.N.-created member nation and exterminating her citizens would, in my humble opinion, represent a crime against humanity because it would legitimize the use of violence and incitement of hate against innocents as a political tool. This can never be allowed. When Palestinians put down their weapons; cease inculcating their children with rabid Jew-hate and incitement to genocide; and finally accept Israel's right to live in peace as a Jewish state, then and only then will they deserve a place in the community of nations.

3. I have found that even some Jews are not aware of how Israel came into existence, so how are average Canadians to understand the reasons behind our government's defence of Israel when they are bombarded with ridiculous fabrications of those sworn to destroy her which are parroted by so-called mainstream journalists? During my 'Blue Beret' vigil, for example, the London Free Press steadfastly refused to run a single story about how Jews and non-Jews were coming together to protest against the Canadian Boat to Gaza mission, yet ran three 'puff pieces' for the two Londoners who were onboard the *Tahrir's* mission to make it easier for Hamas to obtain weapons. What does this say about our values as Canadians?

It was, primarily, the 'alternative' media - the citizen journalists - who did their best to help me get the facts out about why a guy with a blue beret was standing on Oxford Street in London every morning with signs about the UN and Israel. Even Peter Worthington, the legendary founder of the Toronto Sun, took notice that London's only daily had refused to provide coverage -- even though the Jewish Tribune had sent a reporter from Toronto early on.

If it must fall on the shoulders of ordinary people to defend the truth of history, and the rule of law against media bias, and anti-Israel incitement, then it would be most helpful for us to have irrefutable references upon which to rely. In that vein, it seems to me that the U.N. should be playing an active role in educating the world about the true history of the Middle East, but if they cannot or will not, then the government of Canada has a responsibility to do so. I am not aware of any such efforts, but is this something our government is prepared to address - at home or at the U.N.?



Thank you, Mr. Ambassador, for your time. I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

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Att: 'Why I carry a Palestinian flag in my pocket'
(<http://voiceofcanada.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/110703-why-i-carry-a-palestinian-flag-in-my-pocket.pdf>)