



**United Network**

*For Justice and Peace*

*In Palestine and Israel*



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Good afternoon,

I am the Chair of the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel ('UNJPPI'), a grassroots network of United Church of Canada members and friends working for a just peace in Palestine/Israel through education and advocacy.

This letter is to thank you for your May 7th letter to Prime Minister Trudeau expressing deep concerns over the recent reports that the new Israeli coalition government intends to annex significant parts of the West Bank Palestinian territories which Israel has occupied since 1967. Your letter correctly notes that the acquisition of land through war is strictly and unequivocally prohibited by international law.

Given Canada's long history of helping build international institutions and international laws to promote peace and human rights, it is disappointing that our Canadian government has not publicly spoken out in opposition to the threatened annexation. We are grateful that the Green Party members of Parliament are calling on the Prime Minister to apply pressure on Israel to back down from its dangerous plan.

We will be sharing your May 7<sup>th</sup> letter with our UNJPPI supporters across Canada.

Thanks again for speaking out.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

George Bartlett  
Chair, UNJPPI