

Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled

Whereas:

- Peace is central to personal, national, and environmental well-being and is the only condition that allows non-violent coexistence for this and future generations;
- A national peace centre would help balance the two requirements for durable security: a sound defense, and a sophisticated, peace making, building, and keeping capacity;
- A national peace centre would help create coherent, intelligent peace strategies that are needed to alleviate the immense scale of death and suffering caused by a reliance on war to achieve political aims;
- A national peace centre would help support a culture of peace and a government committed to an integrated, whole-of-society approach to peace making;
- A national peace centre would help Canada uphold its commitments to the basics of justice, equality, freedom, and well-being for all, which are essential for national security and for preventing international conflict and war;
- A national peace centre would help stimulate the diverse peace industrial complex that is the foundation of Canada's economy, from which defense investments are extracted;
- A national peace centre would contribute to conflict resolution by helping to identify and address the causes of conflict; and
- A national peace centre would be a vital asset for coordinating peace and security related intelligence, training, operations, education, and analysis while enhancing institutional transparency and accountability.

Therefore:

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to establish and fund an independent, integrated Canadian Centre for Peace and Justice focused on research, policy, diplomacy, peace education, and training for Canadian civilians, police, military personnel, and the international community, as a fundamental part of Canada's increased commitment to defence and security.

Signatures (Canadian citizens or residents only) (Sign your name, Do not print)	Addresses (Give your city, province or postal code)

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