

## Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled

Whereas:

- Canada signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, pledging itself to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Canada's adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples reflect our commitment to the principles of justice, equality, and freedom;
- Upholding the basics of justice, equality, freedom, security, and well-being for all is essential for preventing conflict and war and for Canada's own security and stability;
- The lack of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms is the underlying cause of violent conflict;
- An open society and an informed public and parliament is essential for the understanding of complex issues of violent conflict and for the achieving of lasting peace and disarmament; and
- With the closing of the Pearson Peace Centre, Canada lost an important civilian-led, independent institutional structure that supported effective research, policy, and training in peace operations and conflict resolution.

Therefore:

**We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to establish and fund a Centre of Excellence for Peace and Justice focused on research, education and training in conflict resolution, diplomacy, and peace operations for Canadian civilians, police, military personnel, and the international community.**

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



