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Special Resolution on Peace

The following is a resolution of the **Unitarian Church of Vancouver** Social Justice Committee prepared for the Canadian Unitarian Council Annual General Meeting:

A UNITARIAN CALL FOR PEACE

Whereas we affirm and promote:

* justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and

* the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all

Therefore with regard to peace in Israel and Palestine we adopt the following position:

* We believe that one of the primary outcomes of negotiations in the Middle East must be a viable Palestinian state living in peace alongside the state of Israel. For a Palestinian state to be viable and for Israel to be secure, Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza must end. All Israeli settlement activity in the Occupied Territories must cease.

* We believe in the vision of a shared Jerusalem as the heritage, hope and home of two peoples and three religions. Jerusalem should be a shared, open city – a sign of peace and a symbol of reconciliation for the Abrahamic faiths.

* We call for an immediate end to the cycle of violence. We support a negotiated agreement for an Israeli-Palestinian-Arab peace based on international law.

* We strongly support the presence of international observers as one immediate means of discouraging further violence between Palestinians and Israelis.

* We therefore urge our country's leaders to do all in their power to prepare the road for a just and durable peace.

* We instruct the CUC Board of Trustees to communicate this position to the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs,



* We instruct the CUC Board of Trustees to communicate this position to the member congregations of CUC with appropriate background and suggestions for followup.

* The CUC Board of Trustees may communicate this position to other Canadian denominations as appropriate.

Passed by delegates at the Annual General Meeting, 2002
Canadian Unitarian Council