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Ambassador's Bigoted Views Unwelcome in Canada

Toronto - The Canadian Arab Federation (CAF) calls upon the government to rebuke Alan Baker, Israel's Ambassador in Ottawa, for his offensive remarks against Muslim Canadians and demand a public apology from him. In an interview printed by the Globe and Mail on May 8, 2008, Mr. Baker says he is "[...] concerned that the growing number of Muslim Canadians might cause a shift in this country's Middle East policy", and then proceeds to slander a Muslim Canadian parliamentarian.

Mr. Baker has not missed any opportunity to attack Arabs and Muslims in Canada and even Canadian journalists, politicians, activists and union leaders who speak against Israel's human rights abuses and violation of international law. Our government should remind Mr. Baker of Canada's values that do not tolerate or practice discrimination against its citizens because of their religious affiliation or ethnicity as is the case with Israel.

Since being posted to Canada, Mr. Baker has been treating Canada as a colony of Israel and acting as an Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador. CAF believes it is high time our government sends a clear message to Mr. Baker that he is not welcome in Canada if he continues with his racist outbursts and meddling in Canadian internal affairs.

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