

February 17th, 2026

Dear Hon. Anita Anand,

The National Farmers Union of Canada/Union Nationale des Fermiers (NFU) calls on your government to take immediate action against Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people by suspending the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement and enacting a comprehensive two-way arms embargo against Israel, including enacting Bill C-233, the No More Loopholes Act, and cancelling all existing export contracts.

Canada has an immediate and binding legal obligation under the Genocide Convention to take all necessary measures to prevent further acts of genocide by Israel, and the United Nations Human Rights Council has called on all states to immediately "cease the sale, transfer and diversion of arms, munitions and other military equipment to Israel."

UN experts have also called upon states to halt all imports, exports, and transfers of arms with Israel, and cancel or suspend economic relationships and trade agreements that contribute to Israel's illegal occupation and apartheid regime.

The National Farmers Union is a direct membership organization representing farmers, farm workers and Indigenous peoples across Canada/Turtle Island. For almost three decades, as members of the global La Via Campesina movement for food sovereignty and peasant rights, we have advocated for solidarity with farmers internationally. As members of the global farming community, we feel compelled to do everything in our power to stop the Israeli government's unlawful and violent treatment of Palestinian farmers and lands, and its weaponization of food as a tool of genocide.

Following our November 2025 Convention, the NFU membership is taking concrete action in line with our [landmark resolution](#) to join the global movement of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS). We have begun conducting an audit of our investments and relationships with Canadian and international businesses that benefit from the ongoing genocide and illegal occupation of Palestine. We are developing resources to share with our membership to implement BDS on their farms and in their households and communities.

We call on your government to bolster these efforts and immediately suspend military and economic trade with Israel, which is directly contributing to its illegal occupation, apartheid regime, and ongoing genocide in Palestine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenn Pfenning', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jenn Pfenning, NFU President