Stop the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) from investing in companies that supply military, police, surveillance or prison-related products to Israel

We are appalled to learn that CPP investmests include dozens of companies supplying Israel with military, police, surveillance and prison-related products and services.

Research by the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade shows that in 2011, the CPP held $1.5 billion worth of shares in 65 firms profiting from this lucrative business with Israel.

Despite hundreds of UN resolutions decrying the illegal occupation of Palestinian land, Israel has continued with impunity to violate international laws and has been rewarded with billions in military aid from the US. With one of the world's best-equipped militaries, Israel's bombardments of Lebanon and Gaza have killed thousands of innocent people.

In 2005, a year after Israel's Separation Wall was declared illegal by the UN International Court of Justice, Palestinian civil society initiated the Boycott Divestment Sanctions campaign. This campaign calls upon "people of conscience all over the world" to "launch broad boycotts, implement divestment initiatives, and to demand sanctions against Israel, until Palestinian rights are recognised in full compliance with international law."

In 2011, Palestinian civil society called for a comprehensive arms embargo against Israel. Endorsed by such Nobel Peace laureates as South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the primary goal of this embargo is to stop Israel's supply of "arms and related materiel of all types, including the sale or transfer of weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, para-military police equipment, including dual-use equipment, and spare parts."

As Canadians we do not want our CPP retirement savings to support firms selling weapons, vehicles and equipment to Israeli government institutions or agencies that cloak their ongoing violations of international law behind such deceptive euphemisms as "defence" and "homeland security."

We therefore call upon the CPP Investment Board to immediately divest from companies that are aiding and abetting violations of international law by supplying Israel with military, police, surveillance or prison-related products and services.

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