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Mr. Alistair MacGregor, M.P.  
House of Commons  
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Dear Mr. MacGregor:

Thank you for your letter of February 13, 2018, on behalf of your constituents, regarding Palestinian children in Israeli military detention, as well as the “No Way to Treat a Child” campaign.

Canada is closely following the status of children’s rights in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, and believes that both Israel and the Palestinian Authority must fully respect international humanitarian and human rights law.

The promotion and protection of human rights is an integral part of Canadian efforts abroad, and children’s rights are a top concern of our foreign policy. The government firmly believes that the rights of children must be respected. Canada is a strong advocate of the effort to end all violations of human rights against children, particularly in situations of humanitarian emergencies and armed conflict.

Canada supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and has a long-standing commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace. This includes Israel’s right to take the necessary measures, in accordance with its obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law, to protect the security of its citizens, and the creation of a sovereign, viable Palestinian state.

I hope this information is of help to you in responding to your constituents.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.