

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group to seek assurances that Canada will comply without any further delays with the Federal Court ruling ordering the government to bring Canadian citizen Abousfian Abdelrazik back to Canada. Moreover, we ask that you avail yourself of the opportunity to let him return to Montreal on the airline ticket he already has for June 12, a ticket purchased with financial contributions from over 100 Canadians concerned with withholding the constitutional rights guaranteed by our country's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The ICLMG is a pan-Canadian coalition of civil society organizations that was established in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in the United States. The coalition brings together 38 NGOs, unions, professional associations, faith groups, environmental organizations, human rights and civil liberties advocates, as well as groups representing immigrant and refugee communities in Canada. These organizations, active in the promotion and defense of rights within their own respective sector of Canadian society, came together to share their concerns about the impact of new anti-terrorism legislation and other counter terror measures with regards to civil liberties, human rights, refugee protection, racism, political dissent, governance of charities, international cooperation and humanitarian assistance. A list of member organizations is attached as an annex below.

Sincerely,

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ANNEX I

ICLMG MEMBERSHIP LIST

The International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group is a multi-sector coalition that promotes respect for human rights and civil liberties.

Positions expressed by ICLMG speak to common concerns of members but do not necessarily articulate the position of individual member organizations.

- Amnesty International
- Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale
- B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association
- Canadian Arab Federation
- Canadian Association of University Teachers
- Canadian Auto Workers Union
- Canadian Council for International Co-operation
- Canadian Council for Refugees
- Canadian Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-CAN)
- Canadian Ethnocultural Council
- Canadian Federation of Students
- Canadian Friends Service Committee
- Canadian Labour Congress
- Canadian Muslim Civil Liberties Association
- Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice
- CARE Canada
- Centre for Social Justice
- Communications Energy and Paperworkers Union

- Confederation of Canadian Unions
- Council of Canadians
- CUSO
- David Suzuki Foundation
- Development and Peace
- ETC Group
- Greenpeace
- International Development and Relief Foundation
- Inter Pares
- KAIROS
- Ligue des droits et libertés
- National Anti-Racism Council of Canada
- National Union of Public and General Employees
- Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants
- PEN Canada
- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
- Public Service Alliance of Canada
- United Steelworkers of America
- World Vision Canada

Friends of the ICLMG

Hon. Warren Allmand; Mr. Allmand is a former solicitor general of Canada and the immediate past president of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy).

Hon. Edward Broadbent; Mr. Broadbent is a former leader of Canada's New Democratic Party. He was the first president of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development.

Hon. David MacDonald; Mr. MacDonald is a former Canadian secretary of State and minister of communications. Mr. MacDonald is also an ex-Canadian ambassador to Ethiopia.

Hon. Flora MacDonald; Ms. MacDonald is a former Canadian minister of foreign affairs and a former minister of communications.

The Very Rev. Lois Wilson; Rev. Wilson is a former moderator of the United Church of Canada and retired recently from the Canadian Senate.

Brian Murphy; Mr. Murphy is an independent writer, policy analyst and human rights advocate, and a former staff member of the Canadian social justice organization, Inter Pares, where he worked for almost 30 years.