

Close the U.S. Arms Export Loophole

In 2019, Canada signed the Arms Trade Treaty and pledged that our weapons would never be used to fuel war crimes or human rights abuses. Today, that promise is being broken.

Because of a loophole, Canadian-made weapons and components can be sent to the United States without permits or oversight. From there, they are integrated into larger weapons systems and exported to conflict zones — including Israel, where they are being used in the devastating bombardment and genocide in Gaza.

This loophole makes Canada complicit in atrocities. It allows weapons made here at home to kill civilians and destroy communities abroad, while undermining international law and Canada's own commitments to peace and human rights.

That's why we, the undersigned organizations, strongly support a new Private Member's Bill that will be introduced in Parliament this September to:

- Close the loophole that exempts exports to the United States from oversight;
- Require permits, risk assessments, and transparency for all U.S.-bound arms exports;
- Bring Canada into compliance with its obligations under the Arms Trade Treaty.

The Private Members Bill brought forward by MP Jenny Kwan is about protecting human rights and ensuring accountability. Canadians will not tolerate complicity in war crimes.

We call on all Members of Parliament to support this Bill and on the Canadian public to stand with us in demanding action.

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