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the **CANADIAN**
PEACE INITIATIVE

*a Campaign to Establish a Federal
Department of Peace*



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as a Leader in Peace

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Canada has a major opportunity

We have a history of engagement in peace work internationally, and a population that cares about peace. What we need now is a place within government tasked with leading by peaceful means.

The momentum is building. We've met with many Members of Parliament, military personnel, foreign affairs experts, faith bodies, civil society groups. Everyone we talk to sees the value of a Department of Peace. This is an idea whose time has come.

The proposal

The Department of Peace would be part of the government, responsible for generating information and strategies for peace. It would:

1. develop early conflict detection and rapid response processes,
2. establish a civilian peace service composed of peace professionals that can be deployed as an alternative to armed intervention,
3. advise the government on domestic and international peace issues, and
4. start building a domestic culture of peace that includes supporting peace education.

The Department of Peace would offer a central place to coordinate peace-monitoring services, operations, and strategies. It would be a low-cost department, making Canada a world leader in peace innovations. The Department of Peace would enable the government to better coordinate peace processes that are currently spread across many parts of government. This would help our peace approaches to be prioritized, focused, and ultimately, successful.