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Prevent Torture in Detention Centres around the World

STOP TORTURE

Dear Minister Baird:

In 2006, the Conservative Party of Canada – the official Opposition at the time – declared its support for the 2002 Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP CAT) as "an important human rights treaty that strives to establish independent monitoring of detention facilities" and expressed concern that the government of the day had not signed or ratified OP CAT. Part of what made OP CAT an important human rights mechanism is that it would also help protect Canadians detained abroad from torture.

Almost 10 years later, and despite repeated promises to "consider ratifying", nothing has happened. Meanwhile 73 countries have signed on to OP CAT. With the use of torture so prevalent around the world, Canada should be pushing other countries to become parties to the Optional Protocol as part of a worldwide effort to eradicate torture. But how can that happen if Canada itself has not ratified?

I urge you to work with your Ministerial colleagues to set in motion a process to finally sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture without further delay.

Sincerely,

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