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On Foreign Minister Hon. Anita Anand's Meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates

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Canada's engagement with the United Arab Emirates matters. The Gulf Arab states are central to any lasting peace in the Middle East, and a deeper Canada–UAE partnership is welcome.

CAPAC supports Minister Anand's call for diplomatic de-escalation. Attacks on any country's territory must stop, and civilians everywhere, in the Gulf, in Palestine, across the region, must be protected under international law.

But de-escalation must lead somewhere. A durable peace requires an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, unimpeded humanitarian aid at scale, a halt to Israeli settler terrorism, settlement expansion and annexation, and recognition that Palestinians have the right to self-determination through a viable, sovereign, independent state that ensures their dignity, security, prosperity, and national identity.

Solidarity with our partners and diplomacy for the region must go hand in hand with concrete steps toward that just and lasting peace.

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