

Canada deeply regrets the loss of life and the injuries suffered in the events off the coast of Gaza on May 31. We extend our sympathies to the families of those affected.

We call on all states and international bodies not to rush to conclusions before all the facts are known.

Canada is concerned about the humanitarian situation facing the people of Gaza. We strongly encourage all parties to work together to ensure that humanitarian aid is delivered to the people of Gaza. Canada fully understands and sympathizes with Israel's legitimate security concerns in the face of terrorism against its people. We call on all parties to forgo the use of violence.

Canada joins others in calling on Israel and the Palestinian Authority to continue to work with the United States to return quickly to negotiations towards a comprehensive and lasting peace in the region.