



Please join the Parliamentary Friends of Burma

“Canada has never faltered in its support for the democracy movement in Burma, for which I am grateful”

– Aung San Suu Kyi, honorary Canadian Citizen and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, December 2010.

As a newly elected or recently returned Member of Parliament, we would like you to consider joining many of your colleagues from all political parties, as well as members of the Senate, in the **Parliamentary Friends of Burma (PFOB)**. Created in 2006, PFOB has grown to become one of the largest parliamentary groupings of its kind. Current events mean that now, perhaps more than ever before, the people of Burma need the international support of parliamentarians.

On November 7, 2010, Burma’s military regime orchestrated the nation’s first election in 20 years. The elections were fraught with allegations of corruption, intimidation and human rights violations and the results further entrench the power of the military. Immediately after the election, there has been an escalation of military offensives and attacks against civilians.

The PFOB has been instrumental in raising awareness about Burma.

This solidarity, at such a time of political upheaval, and ethnic and religious violence, is critical. Across the country, Canadians have clearly demonstrated a commitment to the people of Burma – whether they be part of the diaspora, related to the 8,000 Canadian veterans who fought in Burma in World War 2, or simply Canadians who care about peace, democracy and human rights.

Guided by a motion passed in Parliament in 2005 (referred to as the “Burma Motion”), PFOB has been very effective. Canada can be proud of its position: the democratic political leader of Burma has been honoured (Aung San Suu Kyi); over 4,000 refugees have been resettled here; strict sanctions have been imposed; emergency humanitarian support has been provided, and continued financial support for the building of civil society has been maintained. Canada has also played a leading role internationally in advocating for change, holding backroom conversations at strategic international meetings and giving voice to public outrage at gross atrocities.

Please consider becoming part of this important multi-party group in support of peace, democracy and human rights in Burma. Join PFOB today.

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