



March 17th, 2015

Jo-Ann Rodrigues
Nobel Women's Initiative

Re – Letter from the Women, Peace and Security Network Canada to The Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson, M.P.

Dear Jo-Ann,

I am wanting to let you and the WPSN-Canada Network know that the Institute for International Women's Rights – Manitoba, Inc. would like to sign on to the letter being proposed to be sent to Hon. Robert Douglas Nicholson.

However, IIWR-Manitoba would like to bring the following concern to your attention, and to the attention of the WPSN-Canada.

We continue to have some reservations regarding language that implies support of Canada's National Action Plan, specifically on the basis that the NAP uses language that may be interpreted as supportive of militarism.

We would like to recommend that the letter be revised to include this concern and reiterate the necessity of promoting peacekeeping initiatives.

We must all work harder to not legitimize war. Our main objective is not to make war safer for women, but to eliminate war all together. For example, why has Canada not signed on to the Arms Trade Treaty?

Thank you for your understanding, and best wishes with the letter and future meetings with the federal government.

Sincerely,

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