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A letter to disclose, divest, and act in solidarity for Palestine.

As passed by the membership at the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 20, 2025, the USSU Executive Committee writes to the University of Saskatchewan community, university leadership, and the Board of Governors, to call for the following:

- a. Support for a full arms embargo and an end to all military contracts between Canada and Israel;
- b. Condemnation of the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people;
- c. Opposition to Premier Scott Moe's invitation to Israel's ambassador to discuss deepening economic partnerships and cooperation amid a genocide.

The University of Saskatchewan has committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which include eradicating poverty, promoting environmental sustainability, and fostering peaceful and inclusive societies. Furthermore, students expect that their university will stand on the side of justice, human rights, and dignity and uphold principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion to oppose racism, colonialism, and systemic violence. Armed conflict directly and explicitly undermines these goals.

As concluded by a United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry in September 2025, Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The genocide being perpetrated against Palestinians is a direct act of violence and systemic oppression, racism, and apartheid. The state of Israel maintains its oppression and occupation of Palestine through political, financial, and military support. Where the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) has adopted motions in support of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and a free Palestine, the USSU has adopted and upholds a commitment to maintaining ethical investment standards and supporting values of economic and environmental responsibility. Palestine is not separate from the University of Saskatchewan community. Rather, as a space for learning and engagement, the university should be a space to gather, grieve, learn, and advocate for a more just future, one where Palestine is free. The University of Saskatchewan seeks to "Be What The World Needs," and right now, the world needs to stand against genocide, apartheid, and settler colonial violence. Many University of

Saskatchewan students are actively mobilizing against human rights violations and urge the University of Saskatchewan to do the same.

In line with the motions passed at the USSU AGM, the USSU Executive calls upon the University of Saskatchewan to:

A. Disclose:

With full transparency, an accessible breakdown of the university's endowment fund, research and teaching partnerships, and collaborations with institutions, agencies and firms to the extent of any investments or partnerships that are complicit in, or profit from armed conflict, the weapons industry (including research and development, military equipment and software, and munitions), genocide, apartheid, environmental harm, and human rights violations.

B. Divest:

The entirety of financial investments which are currently held in funds complicit in or which benefit from armed conflict, the weapons industry (including research and development, military equipment and software, and munitions), genocide, apartheid, environmental harm, and human rights violations:

- a. Campaign to rescind these relationships, programs and partnerships and replace them with investments in initiatives, organizations, and projects that demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability, social justice, equity, and the overall well-being of communities, particularly those that align with the USask goals;
- b. Advocate that USask incorporates human rights considerations into its investment policy as defined by United Nations standards;
- c. Establish and publish quarterly reports on the progress of divestment.

Students are calling on the university to acknowledge the ongoing genocide in Palestine and to commit to reviewing its partnerships, investments, and funding practices. This review is essential to ensuring that the University of Saskatchewan's actions reflect the interests of its students, who contribute to the institution's academic, artistic, and athletic campus life. As students, it is our responsibility to advocate for accountability and authentic commitments to human rights futures across the University of Saskatchewan and the world.

In solidarity with Palestine,



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