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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0N2

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

On January 21, 2010, the leaders of KAIROS member churches sent you an open letter expressing concern about CIDA funding cuts to KAIROS and requesting a meeting with you. To date, there has been no response to this letter from your office.

The matters raised in the open letter remain very important to me and my church. KAIROS is a valued expression of our church's ministry, as we work with other churches and organizations to promote development, dignity, human rights and ecological sustainability.

As stated in our original letter, our hope in meeting with you, Prime Minister, would be to chart a positive way forward in the relationship between the government, KAIROS, and its member churches and organizations. A meeting with you, or with a representative from your office, would help the government gain a deeper understanding of KAIROS' work and of the effectiveness of this work in protecting lives and supporting development. KAIROS has re-applied for CIDA funding, making this a valuable time to discuss the partnership between churches and the Canadian government in supporting global development and rights.

I look forward to your response to this request.

Please be assured of the continued prayers of our church for you, Prime Minister, and for Members of Parliament, as you address the many issues facing Canada and the world in these challenging times.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson
National Bishop
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Attached: a copy of the January 21, 2010 open letter