

## **NDP Response: World Federalist Movement - Canada**

### **1. Canada's commitment to United Nations Peace Operations.**

**QUESTIONS:** *Will your party support a significantly increased Canadian personnel commitment to United Nations Peace Operations?*

*Will your party support the development of a United Nations Emergency Peace Service?*

**NDP Answer:** Canada should be a force for peace and development. Our faltering reputation cost us a seat on the UN Security Council and at the East Asia Summit. Tom Mulcair's vision is to restore Canadian leadership on the global stage. An NDP government will focus on peace and prosperity and our approach will be based on progressive principles and shared responsibility.

### **2. Develop the international "Responsibility to Protect."**

**QUESTION:** *Will your party ensure that the next Government of Canada makes advancing the Responsibility to Protect a goal of its foreign policy?*

**NDP Answer:** New Democrats have advocated on behalf of the doctrine of Responsibility to Protect, and will continue to do so.

### **3. Canada's contributions to global sustainable development**

**QUESTIONS:** *Will your party work to ensure that the next government moves progressively to meet the internationally recognized goal of providing 0.7% of gross national income in overseas development assistance (ODA), in a manner that is consistent with Canada's ODA Accountability Act?*

*A September 2015 United Nations World Summit is set to adopt the new Sustainable Development Goals, a comprehensive framework for global sustainable development. Will your party follow up the World Summit with strong diplomatic and financial commitments to help ensure that the SDGs are in fact implemented?*

**NDP Answer:** Our aid budget has dropped to just 0.24 per cent of GDP – less than most other OECD countries and well short of the UN target of 0.7 per cent. The Conservatives have cut eight of the poorest African countries from our aid programs, shifting instead to countries willing to sign free trade deals. The last Liberal government cut Canada's aid budget to its lowest level in 30 years. Tom Mulcair's NDP will reverse decades of Liberal and Conservative cuts to global aid and set a long-term timetable to meet Canada's commitment to the UN global aid target of 0.7 percent of the GDP.

### **4. Reform the United Nations and global governance**

**QUESTIONS:** *Will your party commit to establishing a dedicated unit in the Department of Foreign Affairs focused on developing support internationally for needed UN and global governance reforms?*

*What reforms to the United Nations system are the priorities most likely to be implemented should your party form government?*

**NDP Answer:** We strongly believe in the value of cooperation and the importance of supporting the United Nations. New Democrats would be open to proposals to increase the mandate of the UN.