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MODERATOR OF THE 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
The Rev. Amanda Currie, B.A.Sc., M.Div.

September 26, 2019

The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

The Hon. Harjit Singh Sajjan, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Defence  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Dear Ministers,

I am writing on behalf of the 2019 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which met June 2-6, 2019 in Waterloo, Ontario.

One of the tasks of the General Assembly is to consider international issues of importance to the church. The General Assembly received a report with an update on Canada's involvement in United Nations peacekeeping efforts in Mali.

Canada's decision to re-engage in peacekeeping is significant. The risks associated with deploying peacekeepers in Mali, in particular, are great. However, the danger and uncertainty felt by the people of Mali in this time of conflict warrants the attention and collaborative peacekeeping efforts of the international community. We are grateful that Canada extended its involvement to help facilitate the transition of its responsibilities to Romanian peacekeepers.

We pray for the safety of the people of Mali and all the peacekeepers who are serving there. We also pray for the wisdom of leaders to establish a peaceful and just resolution of the conflict.

Please be assured that you and your colleagues in Parliament are in the prayers of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Currie".

Rev. Amanda Currie  
Moderator  
The 2019 General Assembly  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

CC: The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Conservative Party critic for Foreign Affairs; James Bezan, Conservative Party critic for Defence; Hélène Laverdière, NDP critic for Foreign Affairs; Randall Garrison, NDP critic for Defence.

Clerks of Assembly: The Rev. Stephen Kendall and The Rev. Donald Muir