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**Wilfrid Laurier University statement regarding
on-campus discourse re: Israeli-Palestinian conflict**

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University supports the widely-held view that academic freedom, including the unfettered dissemination of knowledge and exchange of ideas, is an integral part of the university mandate. We therefore support open discussion, respectful debate and civil discourse. We are also committed to providing our students with a safe environment.

In an effort to honour both commitments, university officials have:

- met with and will continue to meet with representatives of the Jewish Students Association to discuss their concerns and explore solutions;
- discussed concerns with Professor Eglin; and
- provided security presence at all related events to enhance the safety of everyone present.

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