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CANADIAN FRIENDS SALUTE NOBEL LAUREATE AMOS OZ

TORONTO—[October 8, 2009]

Canadian Friends of Peace Now today applauded the selection of Amos Oz as the recipient of the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature. The Israeli author's selection was announced earlier today in Stockholm by the Swedish Academy.

Dr. Steven Scheinberg, CFPN Co-President, suggested that the Swedish Academy chose Oz this year, not only because of his lifetime literary output, but because the Middle East peace process is at a major crossroads.

"For decades, Amos Oz has been one of Israel's finest novelists, and this international recognition is a much-deserved honour," said Dr. Scheinberg. "He has also been a leading public intellectual, a stalwart champion of Peace Now, and one of the most influential peace activists on the Zionist Left."

Oz was one of the first Israelis to advocate a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict after the Six-Day War. He did so in a 1967 article "Land of our Forefathers" in the Labor newspaper Davar. "Even unavoidable occupation is a corrupting occupation," he wrote. In 1978, he was one of the founders of Peace Now.

"Amos Oz has been honoured in many countries for the literary brilliance of his novels, short stories and essays," said CFPN Co-President Sheldon Gordon., CFPN Co-President. "We trust that the prestige of the Nobel Prize will amplify his voice for peace, both in Israel and abroad."