

**2003, JANUARY 29 - A RESPONSE LETTER TO THE HONOURABLE LANDON PEARSON WHOSE OFFICE WAS SEEKING CIVIL SOCIETY INPUT FOR THE FEDERAL DOCUMENT *A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN*.**

**Please note:**

**Since writing this letter to Senator L. Pearson we have been to the United Nations and learned that the term non-state is used versus non-political and therefore have changed our language in later writings.**

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The Senate of Canada  
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Subject: Civil Society: "A World Fit for Children"

PRIORITY (iii) protecting children against abuse, exploitation, and violence

ACTS OF TORTURE: NON-POLITICAL

***RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE: Burned with cigarettes, candles, hot light bulbs for more times than can be recorded; terrified; family/group/individually raped; suspended by my limbs; bestiality; horror; blood; forced by my father to drown my pet kitten, Brownie, with the threat that is what will happen to me if I tell; watching newborn babies having their eyes taped shut before they are forced to suck the men's penises; given burning hot enemas by my mother before she "played" out her sexualized horrors unto me; forced to smear feces on another child victim before we were group raped; destruction aimed at my mind and spirit; witnessing the killing of animals as part of the pedophilic group sexualized torture rituals and ceremonies; more blood—forced to drink the blood; sexualized tortures and horrors videotaped as trophies for the future pleasures of the torturers, for commercial trade on the pornography market, and for emotional blackmailing purposes; if you tell no one will believe you; their laughter; humiliation; trafficked to Toronto; "rented out" to the men and women who came to our store; I still remember my father saying, "bring her back when you're done!"; over-whelmed—"I left my body in that room! ... Person's Voices, their victimizing experiences***

The HISTORICAL: CANADA HAS KNOWN OF THESE ATROCITIES SINCE 1993! With the publishing of the Final Report of the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women, Canada became informed of the horrific reality of pedophilic ritual abuse-torture.[1] In the previous paragraph we have given a composite of just a few of the over-whelming ordeals person's victimized by ritual abuse-torture (RAT) describe experiencing during their childhood years of RAT captivity, enslavement, and exploitation. A criminal co-culture of trans-generational kin and/or non-kin whose like-minded needs and desires for pedophilic physical, sexualized, and mind-spirit torture—RAT—can be inter-connected regionally, nationally, internationally, and transnationally.

Recent history: *Project Snowball* gives further evidence about the extensive atrocities adults inflict unto infants and children of all ages—babies with their umbilical cord stumps and clamps still attached being raped; pedophilic files called “baby blowjob”! RAT infants and children are some of the victims because they were born into pedophilic-practicing families; they are part of the “off-street” pedophilic pornography and pedophilic “sex” trade; they can become part of the adult pornography and prostitution “sex” trade.

UPHOLDING CHILDREN’S HUMAN RIGHTS: RAT victimized persons have no specific recourse for seeking justice for their life-threatening ordeals of non-political torture. Their non-political torture cannot be addressed by the Committee Against Torture[2] under the United Nations *Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* because their torture is not “... inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity.”[3] Although their torture consisted of “...act[s] by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted ... [as] an aggravated and deliberate form of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [and] is an offence to human dignity and shall be condemned as a denial of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and as a violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”[4]

An adult or child victimized by non-political torture requires the violation of their fundamental human rights be recognized and upheld as stated in Article 5 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. It reads, “No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”[5] Furthermore, because childhood is entitled to special care and protection, Canada, as a State Party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, under Article 37, has agreed that “No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment ... ”[6]

## SOLUTIONS:

1. CANADIAN CRIMINAL CODE REVISIONS: Fundamental changes are required to the Criminal Code (S. 269.1). The definition and understanding of torture needs to be expanded to include non-political torture—such as RAT, child-torture, spousal-torture, stranger-torture, or caregiver torture such as occurred in Residential Schools.

2. NAMING ACTS OF NON-POLITICAL TORTURE versus MISNAMING NON-POLITICAL TORTURE AS ABUSE: Misnaming minimizes the extensiveness of violence that can exist within intimate relationships, for example, within adult-child relationships and within RAT family/group relationships. Ignorance, denial, disbelief, rejection, and blame-the-victim responses flourish when individuals—professional, political, or lay—and communities are not reality-based, when non-political torture is misnamed as abuse. Victimized persons are commonly and repeatedly told by torturers that, “*If you tell no one will ever believe you*”[7]—a statement that is given substance by bystander and community ignorance, denial, disbelief, or rejection. Misnaming prevents wholistic empathic understanding of the victimized person’s non-political torture victimization and traumatization ordeals and their responses, thus, the provision of care and support offered will not “fit”. Because persons exiting ordeals of non-political torture have expended extraordinary resilience to survive their exiting, healing and re-socialization needs can be wholistically complex. Misnaming can lead to the perpetuation of the cycle of RAT.

Misnaming acts of non-political torture as abuse facilitates perpetrators not being held accountable for their acts of torturing. Misnaming means criminal charges and sentencing will not reflect the atrocities that RAT torturers commit, thus, their crime goes unrecognized. When acts of non-political torture—a human right atrocity—are not named appropriately society will be handicapped by ignorance in its ability to respond effectively. For instance, when applying child protection Acts; when upholding United Nations Conventions, such as the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*; when making decisions that will protect the safety and be in the best interest of the child or adult victims/survivors.

3. EDUCATION needs to reflect the reality because ignorance about non-political torture, be it RAT, child-torture, or spousal torture (children are victimized during spousal violence via their direct and/or indirect exposure and/or involvement) will prevent the appropriateness of national intervention, prevention, and educational strategies aimed at helping future generations of children be and stay safe.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO FIGHT THE WAR AGAINST PEDOPHILIC PERPETRATORS will only be effective if, as a Civil Society, we are willing to address the total extensiveness and atrocities of relationship violence that can occur, including acknowledging the existence of non-political torture and the torturers. Only then will Canada build “A World Fit for Children”.

In making informed and accountable decisions, we encourage the Committee to check out our educational website: [www.ritualabusertorture.org](http://www.ritualabusertorture.org) or please notify us for more detailed information. Our “expertise” has been built on ten years of caring work and research connections with persons victimized by RAT.

Jeanne Sarson, RN, BScN, MEd & Linda MacDonald, RN, BN, MEd

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- [1] The Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women. (1993). *Changing the landscape: Ending violence~achieving equality* (pp.45-47). Ottawa: Minister of Supply and Services.
- [2] Centre for Human Rights. (1992). *The Committee Against Torture* (Fact Sheet No. 17). New York: United Nations.
- [3] United Nations. (1984, December 10). *Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*.
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- [5] United Nations. (1948). *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. New York: Author.
- [6] Yolles, V. (1998). *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Practical Guide to Its Use in Canadian Courts*. Toronto: UNICEF Canada; Human Rights Directorate Department of Canadian Heritage. (1991). *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*, p. 18. Hull: Communications Branch Department of Canadian Heritage.
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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION SENT TO CIVIL SOCIETY SEEKING INPUT FROM CIVIL SOCIETY**

January 30, 2003

A Response Letter to: Senator Landon Pearson

Advisor on Children's Rights to The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Preamble: The Government of Canada is preparing a National Plan of Action based on the UN document *A World Fit for Children* available on Senator Landon Pearson's website [www.sen.parl.gc.ca/lpearson](http://www.sen.parl.gc.ca/lpearson).

In brief, *The Plan of Action* focuses on protecting and promoting the rights of children and improving the well-being of Canada's children based on four main themes to: (1)

promoting healthy lives (2) providing quality education (3) protecting against abuse, exploitation, and violence; and (4) combating HIV/AIDS.

Senator Landon Pearson, the Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Health, and the Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of Human Resources Development have joint responsibilities for the *National Plan of Action*. A final draft of the *National Plan for Action* will be written this summer in preparation for submission to the United Nations in December 2003.

Senator Pearson is seeking public input. You can send your reply via e-mail (maximum 2 or 3 pages) by January 31, 2003, to: [pearl@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:pearl@sen.parl.gc.ca). Continue to send your responses to Senator Landon Pearson after January 31 to be included in the final draft in December 2003.

We have submitted our response, see letter following, which focuses on theme (iii) protecting children against abuse, exploitation, and violence. We are specifically requesting that Canada, via the above Committee, recognize and take action against all forms of non-political torture: ritual abuse-torture, child-torture, spousal-torture, caregiver-torture, or stranger torture, for example.

If you are in support of our letter please forward your support with your comment to Senator Pearson.

If you want to send your personal opinions to Senator Pearson we encourage you to do so.

For the sake of our children!