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## Call for the Repatriation of Omar Khadr

September 30, 2008

*Omar Khadr is a Canadian citizen who was born in Toronto on September 19, 1986. On July 27, 2002, he was captured by the United States of America's military forces during a combat in Afghanistan. He was 15 at the time. At first detained at the Bagram military base in Afghanistan, he was transferred in October 2002 to the Guantanamo Bay naval reserve in Cuba, where he has been deprived of his freedom for 6 years.*

**We, the undersigned, join LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS CANADA in calling:**

- **the Canadian Government** to immediately take all the necessary steps with the United States of America in order to repatriate Omar Khadr so that his case be dealt with in Canada by competent, independent and impartial authorities;
- **all the federal political parties** to pronounce themselves without any reservation, in the course of the general elections presently under way, in favour of the repatriation of Omar Khadr and to specify which steps they will take in order for it to be carried out in the shortest time possible.

### QUEBEC BAR

The Quebec Bar wrote to the Canadian Government and took a stance in favour of Omar Khadr's repatriation on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

<http://www.barreau.qc.ca/actualites-medias/positions/lettre-20080201.html>

### CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Bar Association pronounced itself in 2006 on the need to respect the Rule of Law at Guantanamo Bay and, since 2007, has called for the repatriation of Omar Khadr.

<http://www.cba.org/CBA/submissions/pdf/06-17-eng.pdf>

<http://www.cba.org/CBA/submissions/pdf/07-43-eng.pdf>

<http://www.cba.org/cba/submissions/pdf/08-15-eng.pdf>

### YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL

<http://wp.ajbm.qc.ca/>

### RÉSEAU DES JURISTES D'AMNISTIE INTERNATIONALE CANADA FRANCOPHONE

Amnesty International French Canada is actively mobilised in favour of Omar Khadr's repatriation. Among others, it will participate in the October 5 to 11 action week organized by a Canadian coalition and runs a campaign to send electronic cards to the Canadian Government.

<http://www.amnistie.ca/dudh/agissezOmarKhadr.php>

<https://www.amnistie.ca/outils/actions/index.php?ActionID=21>

<http://www.amnistie.ca/content/view/12184/252/>

## **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA LEGAL NETWORK**

[http://www.amnesty.ca/blog\\_post2.php?id=401](http://www.amnesty.ca/blog_post2.php?id=401)

## **LAWYERS RIGHTS WATCH CANADA**

On September 8, 2008, Lawyers Rights Watch Canada took a stance in favour of Omar Khadr's repatriation and prepared a report on the question for the purpose of the Universal Periodic Review of Canada's human rights record by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

[http://www.lrwc.org/pdf/UPR\\_CANADA\\_LRWC\\_OmarKhadr\\_Report.Sept8\\_08.pdf](http://www.lrwc.org/pdf/UPR_CANADA_LRWC_OmarKhadr_Report.Sept8_08.pdf)

## **LIGUE DES DROITS ET LIBERTÉS**

<http://www.liguedesdroits.ca/>

## **CANADIAN LAWYERS ABROAD**

On February 6, 2008, Canadian Lawyers Abroad called on the Canadian government to immediately seek to have Omar Khadr repatriated to face justice under Canadian law. It has also established an online petition that is open for signatures.

<http://www.cla-ace.ca/CLA2008-Khadr.pdf>

<http://www.cla-ace.ca/petition.php>