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The Honourable Bev Oda, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of International Cooperation  
The House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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November 24, 2009

Minister Oda:

I write to ask for your urgent attention to hastening approval of KAIROS' 2009-2013 partnership contract with CIDA.

The Christian Reformed Church in North America is an active member of KAIROS and wholly supports its leadership in the cause of peace and justice in Canada and around the world. KAIROS' excellent educational initiatives provide people in our churches with a rich understanding of our relationships and international responsibilities across borders. The strong relationships that KAIROS has in Southern nations allow us to learn vital stories: that we have real neighbours in Colombia, The DRC, The Philippines and elsewhere. These neighbours are precious and KAIROS' efforts in accompaniment and development help to provide dignity and abundant life.

The Christian Reformed Church considers KAIROS' international partnerships to be profoundly significant work and asks that you take immediate steps to approve the new contract. Your kind and timely attention to this request will allow the vital justice work of more than 20 Southern organizations and KAIROS itself to continue.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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