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The Council of General Synod (CoGs) crafted a resolution on Thursday December 3 in response to the news that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) would no longer fund the work of KAIROS, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, a key partner for the development and justice work of the Anglican Church. The Anglican Church of Canada and The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund are member organizations of KAIROS together with nine other denominations and organizations.

The Council of General Synod has adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that the Council of General Synod deplores the Canadian International Development Agency's decision to end its funding for KAIROS, and in consideration of the vital work carried out by KAIROS in many troubled parts of the world on behalf of Canadian church members, urges the federal government to reconsider this decision."

The House of Bishops also passed the following motion:

In consideration of the decades of vital work carried out by KAIROS ecumenical coalition and its precursor organizations since 1973 in many troubled parts of the world on behalf of Canadians:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada/Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada:

1. **Deplores the Canadian International Development Agency's arbitrary decision to end its funding for KAIROS**
2. **Requests that the Minister for International Cooperation meet immediately with Archbishop Hiltz and KAIROS ecumenical partners to explain this decision (in particular how and why KAIROS no longer fits CIDA priorities**
3. **Urges the federal government to reconsider this decision.**

The Venerable Michael Pollesel, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada will be sending this resolution to the Prime Minister's office, as well as to Bev Oda, the Minister of International Cooperation.

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The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Canadian Anglican agency for development, relief, refugees and justice. With the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to support our partners' initiatives and to promote knowledgeable actions of solidarity at home and around the world.

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