

**The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister:

I am writing to appeal to you to bring Omar Khadr home to Canada. President Obama has declared that he wishes to see the detention centre at Guantánamo Bay closed: the US Government would surely welcome a request from the Canadian government for his repatriation.

The Supreme Court of Canada has unanimously ruled that, when they interrogated him in 2003 and 2004, Canadian officials participated in his unlawful treatment in Guantánamo, violating his human rights. The interrogation of a youth detained without access to counsel, to elicit statements about serious criminal charges, while the interrogators knew that the youth had been subjected to sleep deprivation and also knew that the fruits of the interrogations would be shared with the prosecutors, offended the most basic Canadian standards about the treatment of detained youth suspects.

The Supreme Court ruled that Omar Khadr was entitled to a remedy. It reversed the order the lower courts had made requiring the government to seek his repatriation and concluded that the appropriate remedy in this case was simply a judicial declaration that Omar Khadr's rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms had been violated. The best remedy now would surely be for the Canadian government not to wait for the conclusion of the Military Commission process in the United States of America, but to seek Omar Khadr's immediate repatriation. The Government should also recognise that he was a teenager when first taken into custody and that repatriation must be followed by rehabilitation and resettlement.

Yours sincerely