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Section 1 of 3

Threats, Intimidation & Corruption at the U.N. in Geneva.

To:- **All members of the U.N. and others.**

1) **To the point:** Something at the U.N. is broken. Through the U.N. human rights complaint process, my 2020 submission, CRIPE-Canada-1-2-3, was handled successfully by the U.N. **Human Rights Officer Damianos Serefidis**. Being under the category Freedom of Religion or Belief, I was advised that the submission was to be passed on to the **Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Religion or Belief, Ahmed Shaheed**, to carry on with the process. **At this point communication ceased** between me and Damianos Serefidis. I never did hear from Ahmed Shaheed. Repeated attempts to contact either one of them were futile. Therefore, my submission did not get to the next step in the procedure. **It was effectively blocked.**

I have therefore been led to suspect that there is some entity within the U.N. staff in Geneva which is responsible for **intimidation**, and/or **threats of reprisals** against certain U.N. personnel if they do not stop any communication with me, and also **threatened** to stop processing any human rights complaint which I have submitted.

My complaint to the U.N. is against **religious discrimination** in the Canadian province of Ontario. The discrimination is in the form of the exclusive, **full public funding** for Roman Catholic school systems (English and French) in Ontario while **no public funding** is provided for schools of any other religious denomination.

2) **The U.N. censured Canada:** Through "*Waldman #694/1996*" a complaint by a Jewish parent was submitted to the U.N. concerning discrimination in the provision of public funds for religious school systems. Therefore, the U.N. Human Rights Committee **censured Canada on November 5, 1999 for a violation of article 26 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**. Although the Covenant entered into force for Canada on August 19, 1976, **Canada disgraced itself** by totally ignoring its obligation to abide by the terms. Therefore, religious discrimination remains in Canada to this day.

3) **Background:** Canada became a country in 1867 and brought with it existing religious discrimination which remains to this day in the form of full public funding for schools of Roman Catholic adherents only, and public funding for a common school system for everyone else.

4) **To back up a little:** Unaware of “Waldman #694/1996”, we submitted our own complaint, “Tadman #816/1998” against, in Ontario, the **exclusive** public funding of school systems of one religious denomination, Roman Catholic. **Our position is no public funding for any religious schools, or public funding for the schools of all religious persuasions. All citizens must be treated equally.**

The Roman Catholic community in Ontario became very upset at society’s attempt to interfere with the public funding for their schools through “Tadman #816/1998”. Consequently, at some period in 1998 the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association submitted a legal document to “The Human Rights Committee” entitled “IN THE MATTER OF TADMAN ET AL. v. CANADA” numbering 41 pages, plus an “Appendix ‘A’” of 12 pages. This document vigorously defended the discriminatory public funding of its Roman Catholic school systems, English and French, with the incredulous argument that Roman Catholic adherents in Ontario were in a “minority”*.

Suspicion: It is possible that the above Roman Catholic document had an influence in prompting certain U.N. actors to develop a scheme to **intimidate and/or threaten U.N. personnel** to block any human rights submission which they thought was directed against the Roman Catholic church. Apparently, there was a concern that “Tadman #816/1998” could possibly, in concert with, or in addition to, “Waldman #694/1996”, result in a U.N. censure against Canada and then possibly lead to the removal of public funding for the Roman Catholic separate school systems in Ontario.

For the record “Tadman #816/1998”, was subsequently deemed inadmissible.

***Minority?** From the website of the 2021 Canadian census for Ontario:

<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/as-sa/fogs-spg/Page.cfm?Lang=E&Dguid=2021A000235&topic=10>

The 2021 Canadian census revealed that, in the province of Ontario “...the top religious group was Catholic, with about 3,654,830 persons representing 26.0% of the total population. The second group was Christian, n.o.s., with about 1,070,195 persons representing 7.6% of the total population.”

5) **Summary:** The over-all perception has been that any human rights complaint submitted by Canada could possibly result in one that would negatively affect the public funding of Roman Catholic school systems in Ontario. Therefore, these “certain U.N. actors” would allow the submission to get past the Human Rights Officer for Freedom of Religion or Belief, **but not to, or past,** the Special Rapporteur, Ahmed Shaheed. With reference to paragraph #1, did Ahmed actually receive our original complaint? Or if he did, was he **threatened not to act on it?**

At this point it is appropriate to refer to the report by Special Rapporteur Ahmed Shaheed: [OHCHR | UN expert: State and religion best served by maintaining "respectful distance"](#) in which he wrote: “States that either enforce or restrict religion are both motivated to establish a monopoly for their ideologies that involve coercion or discrimination.” **Canada is such a State.**

6) **Conclusion:** From the above it is suspected that some entity exists, within the U.N. staff in Geneva, whose aim is to block any perceived threat, through a U.N. censure, to the continued, exclusive, public funding of the Roman Catholic separate school systems in Ontario, Canada.

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#2 outlines threats by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association